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CJI CALLS FOR 50% QUOTA FOR WOMEN IN JUDICIARY

CJI N V Ramana urged women to 'shout with anger and seek 50% reservation' in all courts not as charity but as their right

MAJOR GENDER SKEW IN REPRESENTATION

Ramana was addressing an event organised by the lady advocates of SC to honour nine newly-appointed judges. The CJI said women constituted less than 30% of the lower judiciary, while at the HC level, they were a meagre 11%. "Amongst the 1.7 million lawyers, only 15% are women. They form 2% of the elected representatives at state bar councils," he said

URGES EXECUTIVE TO TAKE ACTION

- Tweaking a famous Karl Marx quote, he said: "Women of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains." Ramana listed out many institutional problems faced by women, including the lack of separate toilets in 78% of the 6,000 courts in India
- He urged the executive to correct this gender skew in judiciary

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WOMEN JUDGES IN THE SUPREME COURT'S BENCHES AT PRESENT

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-Editor

IT'S A SUN-DAY

In a rare phenomenon, the sun is seen surrounded by a halo, at Kumta Beach in Uttara Kannada district on Sunday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

PM to launch Digital Health Mission today

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the Pradhan Mantri Digital Health Mission (PM-DHM) on Monday, his office said. The pilot project of National Digital Health Mission had been announced by the Prime Minister from the ramparts of the Red Fort on August 15, 2020 | **P7**

Bharat Bandh today, traffic likely to be hit

Bengaluru: The Samyukt Kisan Morcha's Bharat Bandh, in protest against the three farm laws propsed by the Centre, on Monday may affect traffic across the state. Various pro-farmer, Kannada and left organisations, and Opposition parties are expected to participate in the stir | **P4,7**

UP, Punjab attempt caste balance

PRASADA GIVEN BERTH TO PLACATE BRAHMINS

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

BARELY five months before the Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday expanded his ministry, inducting one cabinet and six ministers of state.

The new entrants are Jitin Prasada, Chhatrapal Singh Gangwar, Paltu Ram, Sangeeta Balwant Bind, Sanjeev Kumar Gond, Dinesh Khatik, and Dharmaveer Singh Prajapati. Prasada got the lone cabinet berth, ostensibly to placate the Brahmin voters who are said to be sulking. He had crossed over from the Congress in June this year.

Yogi Adityanath

Despite speculation, A K Sharma, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's trusted bureaucrat who had taken voluntary retirement as MSME secretary in Delhi and joined the BJP in Lucknow in January, failed to make it to the Yogi cabinet. He was appointed vice-president of the state BJP unit in June.

Sunday's expansion is being seen as an exercise to balance various caste equations ahead of the elections. Significantly, no sitting minister was dropped. Of the seven, there were three OBCs and two SC, indicating its continued outreach to those segments of society. The sixth person is a member of the Scheduled Tribe, Sandeep Kumar Gond from Sonebhadra. The seventh is a Brahmin. Of the two SC MLAs, Paltu Ram is a Jatav and Dinesh Khatik a Sonker. Most of the new inductees belong to the castes that were either not or less represented in the government. Chhatrapal Gangwar, a Kurmi by caste, is an MLA from Baheri constituency in Bareilly parliamentary constituency. His elevation is being seen as a replacement to Santosh Gangwar, an eight-time MP from Bareilly, who was dropped from Modi cabinet recently. Ghazipur MLA Sangeeta Balwant Bind's induction is being seen as the BJP's bid to create its own Nishad leadership, though it has forged an alliance with the NISHAD party, led by Dr Sanjay Nishad. This was the second expansion of Yogi's government. The first one happened in 2019.

SIDHU STAMP SEEN IN MINISTRY EXPANSION

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AMID last minute pulls and pressures, 15 Congress lawmakers, including seven freshers, took their oaths of office and secrecy as ministers in Punjab. The Charanjit Singh Channi ministry is loaded with Sikhs, but also has three members of the Scheduled Castes, four Hindus, one OBC and one Muslim. As usual, the Malwa region of the state got the biggest share of berths.

Eight of them were part of the outgoing Amarinder ministry. Among the new entrants are Amrinder Singh Raja Warring and Pargat Singh, both of whom are close to Punjab Congress unit president Navjot Singh Sidhu. Gurkirat Singh Kotli, grandson of former chief minister Beant Singh, too got a berth for the first time.

Navjot Singh Sidhu

The Sidhu stamp was evident in the expansion of the ministry as only two ministers considered close to Amarinder were retained. However, they are also close to the Congress high command. One controversial induction was that of Rana Gurjit Singh, a former irrigation minister. He was sworn in despite pressure from seven prominent party leaders from the Doaba region of the state, who wrote to Sidhu and Channi alleging Gurjit's involvement in a sand mining scam. He had to resign from the Amarinder cabinet in 2018 because of the scam.

However, Sidhu unsuccessfully tried to accommodate Kuljit Nagra from Fatehgarh Sahib, working president of the Punjab Congress, in the ministry. Nagra's name was dropped at the last minute to include Randeep Nabha from Amloh to improve regional balance following intervention by Congress president Sonia Gandhi. Nabha was also seen as more experienced.

Channi opposed the induction of both Pargat and Nagra, saying they were holding important positions in party, but failed to block Pargat. In all, six ministers are from the Majha region of Punjab, while the rest are from Malwa. At 43, Warring is the youngest minister, while Tripat Rajinder Singh Bajwa, 78, is the oldest. **P7**

Caste census chorus by Nitish, Naveen & Soren

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DESPITE the Centre recently ruling out caste census in 2021 in its affidavit before the Supreme Court, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday pressed ahead saying it was the need of the hour and served national interest. Similar demands came from chief ministers of Jharkhand and Odisha during Sunday's meeting in Delhi with Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Left-wing extremism.

While Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren submitted a memorandum in support of caste-based census, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said his government would do whatever is sensible to reduce discrimination in his state.

Addressing media after the Delhi meeting, Nitish said enumeration of castes was key to effective implementation of welfare schemes and "it would not be proper if it is not conducted".

Nitish said he would convene an all-party meeting in Bihar to discuss the situation and chart the future course.

While Nitish said that he does not see any point in leaving the NDA over this issue, his statement put the Bihar BJP in a tight spot as it has been advised by its leadership to expose the parties demanding caste census. Three of the four NDA constituents — JD(U), HAM and VIP — have broken ranks and are supporting the Opposition on the issue.

Nitish Kumar

Hemant Soren

SUSHIL BATS FOR CENTRE

Former Bihar Dy CM Sushil Kumar Modi defended the Centre's line, saying caste-based census was difficult as it was not 'just a matter of adding a column'.

NATIONWIDE	SEPT 25	SEPT 26
Fresh cases	29,616	28,326
Recoveries	28,046	26,032
Deaths	290	260

KARNATAKA	SEPT 25	SEPT 26
Fresh cases	787	775
Recoveries	775	860
Deaths	11	9

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FIERY BATSMAN

Kohli first Indian to hit 10,000 runs in T20

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

TOP batsman Virat Kohli has added another feather in his illustrious cap, becoming the first Indian and the fifth player in the sport to complete 10,000 T20 runs. He joins the elite list, which also includes the 'Universe Boss' Chris Gayle, Keiron Pollard, Shoaib Malik and David Warner. The Royal Challengers Bangalore captain reached the landmark in the Indian Premier League game against Mumbai Indians at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Sunday.

In fact, he brought his individual milestone in style, hitting a six off pacer Jasprit Bumrah in the fourth over of the contest. In order to complete the feat, the skipper needed 13 runs, and he delivered the goods for his franchise with a half-century, helping them score 165/6. Kohli's 51 was laced with three fours and three sixes, which helped RCB cruise to victory. However, he should consider himself lucky to achieve the feat on Sunday as he was dropped on zero by Rahul Chahar.

RCB skipper Virat Kohli celebrates his half-century during the IPL clash with Mumbai Indians in Dubai on Sunday | PTI

Besides having played for the Bangalore franchise since the first edition of the league, he has been a solid performer for India in the T20Is as well. He made his Delhi T20 debut in 2007, and has gone on to become one of the best batsmen in the world. The 32-year-old is the highest-run scorer in the IPL so far.

HAL, Alliance Air ink pact for aircraft supply to Arunachal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

HAL on Sunday signed a lease agreement with Alliance Air Aviation Ltd for the supply of two Civil Dornier-228 aircraft for regional operations in Arunachal Pradesh, which is seen as a major boost to India's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS).

Apurba Roy, General Manager, Transport Aircraft Division, Kanpur, HAL, and Arun Kumar Bansal, Head of Engineering, Alliance Air, signed the agreement in Bengaluru.

The HAL Do-228 is a versatile aircraft suited for operations in the North-East and has the capabilities of short takeoff and landing, and the ability to land and take off from semi-prepared runways. This opens new vistas in civil aviation for Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.

HAL said it is keen on increasing its footprint in regional civil aviation by tying up with air operators and engaging more HAL Do-228s.

Attending the event virtually, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu said it is a big day for the state, given the geographical challenges in the vast state. The connectivity will now be easier, he added.

HAL's Transport Aircraft Division, Kanpur, has been in the business of transport and trainer aircraft for defence customers.

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Woman's fibroid tackled without hysterectomy

IFFATH FATHIMA @ Bengaluru

WHILE many opt for hysterectomy or removal of the uterus when large fibroids are found in the uterus, a 35-year-old woman suffering from significant menorrhagia (excessive uterine bleeding) and had 15 cm large fibroid underwent "fibroid embolisation", a minimally invasive procedure which is not much known about.

The woman dealt with severe cramps, pain and discomfort during her menstrual cycle for the past four years. The patient was suggested to undergo hysterectomy by some hospitals, however she was not convinced.

Traditionally, hysterectomy is widely accepted as the mainstay of treatment in case of large fibroid. However, it is major surgery and prevents a woman from childbearing throughout her life, and would not be the best option for young patients.

She then approached Manipal Hospital Whitefield. Dr MC Uthappa, Head - Interventional Radiology, Manipal Group of Hospitals Bangalore, said, "Uterine fibroids are benign, or non-cancerous growths. The larger fibroids can place pressure on the uterus and its blood vessels, causing excessive menstrual bleeding, periods lasting more than a week, pain in the pelvis, constipation, frequent urination, backache, leg pain, etc."

Fibroid embolisation is a minimally invasive alternative to surgery, usually performed in an outpatient setting. It involves injecting embolic agents into the uterine arteries to block the blood supply to the fibroids, eventually causing them to shrink and die. It is not only a uterus-sparing procedure but also a safe and effective way to treat uterine fibroids.

TOUGH STAND

1,200 part-time lecturers afraid of losing jobs

Change in syllabus, reduced number of teaching hours to blame

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
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AROUND 1,200 part-time lecturers in 85 government polytechnics (GPT) and 15 government engineering colleges (GEC) fear for their jobs as the syllabus and number of hours of teaching has been reduced, as opposed to 40 hours of teaching per week mandated by AICTE.

The Karnataka GPT and GEC Part-time Lecturers' Association has sought the government's intervention for speedy approvals from the finance department in matters related to part-time lecturers.

Picture for representation only

Association president Prashantha M said that Uttar Pradesh has more than 40 hours a week of teaching and Andra Pradesh 42 hours. But Karnataka has reduced it to 32 and 26 hours. This will reduce the number of faculty required from 1,200 to less than 600, while the present approved posts are 826.

The Department of Technical Education has knocked off physics and chemistry from the syllabus, causing job losses to 350 part-time lecturers in GPTs and GECs, he added.

In districts, it is difficult to shift jobs and one cannot move to Bengaluru for a job as opportunities are scarce after Covid. Most lecturers are engineering professionals and depend on teaching as their source of income, he said.

Salary pending, syllabus compromised

"Salary stops time to time," said another lecturer from a GPT in Chikkamagaluru. She said that after the association was formed, two years' salary was given at one shot in November 2020. But salaries for online classes were not given in November and December.

Another part-time lecturer from Dakshina Kannada, said, "The second and fourth semesters I teach take four months per semester. But now we have been asked to complete it in one-and-a-half months and wrap up by October 11. We are paid just that much."

Commissioner of Department of Collegiate Education Pradeep P said that science is still being taught but with some parts modified. He dismissed accusations that the number of posts approved and teaching hours have been reduced.

Geriatric centre to come up at St John's

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@ Bengaluru

ST John's National Academy of Health Sciences (SJNAHS) is looking to establish 'St John's Geriatric Care Centre' – a massive facility for comprehensive care, training and research in aging and geriatrics, in 2023, and is also training healthcare assistants for it.

The first batch of Health Care Assistance Course -- a three-month residential course for 15 students with a minimum educational qualification of Class 10 -- has commenced.

The course will train candidates in the skills of caring for the sick, disabled and elderly, for the geriatric centre that the hospital is looking to open in 2023.

The facility will include day care, short stay care, long term care (beyond 4-6 weeks) and hospice or end-of-life care (those with terminal illness who need palliative care), he added.

For now, candidates will be absorbed in the hospital, and when the geriatric centre starts, they will be moved there, said Dr Pretesh R Kiran, Associate Professor, Community Health, SJNAHS, and Joint Coordinator, Senior Citizen Health Service. Keeping in mind financial background, the course is free of cost. However, sponsorships of Rs 12,000 per candidate are being sought for tuitions, food and accommodation for the three-month course, said Dr Pretesh.

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Dr Paul Parathazham, Director, SJNAHS, told *The New Indian Express* that the facility will be located on the St John's Medical College Hospital campus on Sarjapur Road.

Public philanthropy

Meanwhile, funds for the Rs 40-crore project were being raised through public philanthropy since August 2020.

Dr Parathazham said that the hospital was earlier planned to be a G+3 building, but the facility was fit to be extended to G+6 (seven storeys) with more than 125 beds and a mix of common/general wards and private facilities, to provide elder care to those from all strata of society.

TIME TO GO SIGHTSEEING

Visitors enjoy the interiors of Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace in Bengaluru on Sunday. The popular heritage site opened its doors after a long Covid-induced break, with only digital tickets being accepted at entry | SHRIRAM BN

Plane with a range of capabilities

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IT has ventured into manufacturing Hindustan-228 aircraft. This is a 19-seat multirole utility aircraft built for various applications such as VIP transport, passenger transport, air ambulance, flight inspection roles, cloud seeding, and recreational activities like para jumping, aerial surveillance, photography and cargo applications.

Arunachal Pradesh's Deputy Chief Minister of Chowna Mein, Home Minister Bamang Felix, Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar and Secretary (Civil Aviation) Swapnil Nayak attended the event virtually.

Pradeep Singh Kharola, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, R Madhavan, Chairman & Managing Director, HAL, Usha Padhee, Joint Secretary, MoCA, and senior officials from HAL, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Airports Authority of India were also present.

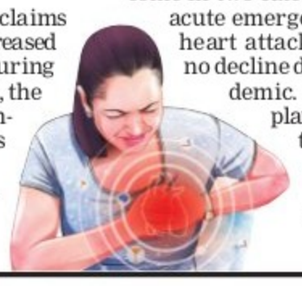
'INSURANCE CLAIMS FOR HEART CARE SEE DIP AFTER COVID'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AN internal analysis by ICICI Lombard General Insurance reveals that there was a sharp decline in insurance claims for cardiovascular ailments in India in 2020-2021 (during the pandemic), compared with 2019-2020 (before the pandemic). This trend was visible across men and women, major cities, for elective surgeries, non-elective surgeries and acute medical cases. The data was released ahead of World Heart Day on September 29.

While 2,033 claims were made in financial year 2019-2020, only 1,638 claims were made the following year, among women. As for men, 5,327 claims were made in 2019-2020, which reduced to 4,616 during the first year of the pandemic. "All cities showcase a downward trend of claims arising from heart ailments. However, Mumbai still has the highest number of claims, followed closely by NCR," the analysis read.

Bengaluru saw 435 claims in 2019-2020, which decreased to 378 in 2020-2021. During 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, the city had the fifth highest number of claims among eight cities.



"Claims for cardiovascular ailments come in two categories. One, is acute emergencies such as heart attacks, which saw no decline during the pandemic. The other, are planned interventions which are reduced. One can speculate that this is due to patients postponing the procedures due to the Covid situation, diversion of hospital resources from cardiac to Covid-19 and closure of OPDs, which would otherwise detect problems," said Sanjay Datta, Chief-Underwriting, Claims and Reinsurance, ICICI Lombard General Insurance.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

27th September: This week I am returning to take a special look at Taurus, the most down-to-earth sign of the zodiac. The reason it's important is that every one of us was born under its influence, even if for some of us it is more important than for others. The Taurean part of our personality is that which enables us to live in harmony with the world around us.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The Moon ups the stakes, and should give you the emotional energy and determination to get off to a good start. This is necessary if you are now to take decisions relating to a long-term partnership. All you need is the staying power to survive until a rival backs down.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Look inward for the answers today, for the key to your hopes and the solution to your fears lies with you rather than with friends, lovers or employers. True, they may have a role to play, but they also depend on your imaginative lead. Do your bit!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Go for teamwork today. You have a strong individualist streak, but you're not being asked to subordinate your interests to those of other people. You may have the chance, if you wish, to call on them to serve you! Of course, you can't make them agree - but if you don't try, you'll never know.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Professional affairs must take first place today. Even if you're not at work, it's time to promote yourself in the community, accepting responsibility and attracting praise and applause. Don't be afraid to take an unusual approach as the element of surprise could work in your favour.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The broad, far-reaching connection between Mercury and Venus is increasing your charm level. There will be moments over the next fortnight when you are grievously provoked, but you'll be foolish to respond in kind. You'll do much better to react to a snarl with a smile.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There is a case to be made for spending time on business matters. In point of fact you'll be in a rather charitable mood, and could be a soft touch for deserving causes. It's all a question of making sure they're genuine. Mind you, that might be easier said than done.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You have to pay more attention to partners' hopes and desires, if only because that's the best way to keep them quiet. There is a great deal to be said for making a few confessions of your own, but pick your time. If you catch partners at the wrong moment you might give completely the wrong impression.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Harmonious connections link a region of your solar chart representing the daily work routine to that signifying professional ambitions. Your desire for status amongst your peers could be achieved, but only with extra effort on your part. Luck doesn't come into it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The broad planetary alignment is profoundly helpful. It doesn't take much imagination to see that, with confidence, you could leave planet earth, fly to the clouds and soar with the birds over the next two days - at least in your dreams. In other words, it's good to try to take an overview of all your daily activities and pressures.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Your attention will be drawn to domestic affairs, probably because of what partners say or do, rather than because of what you want. The answers could be financial, and it may be sufficient to throw extra money at discontented people. At least, you can hope that this will do the trick!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You're not always known for your willingness to think things through, but today's decisions and choices should be given a little extra consideration. Above all, be practical, especially where children are concerned. And if a younger relation comes to you for advice, try to see the world through their eyes.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You can be surprisingly resolute where money is involved, and it looks as if you will be determined to see that an investment is returned. You may, however, be required to put in just a little extra effort. But then, it might be an emotional favour that needs to be repaid.

THE PHANTOM

READY?
READY FOR ANYTHING, YOU KNOW THAT!
BUT JUST IN CASE WE DIE....?
I KNOW YOU'RE WITH DIANA, AND I KNOW WHY—SHE'S WONDERFUL! SHE REALLY IS!!
BUT YOU SHOULD BE WITH ME, PHANTOM...
YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU?
DEPAUL + WING?

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

I NEED A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE
ANY PREFERENCE?
THE BOTTLE SHOULD BREAK EASILY. THE GENERAL IS CHRISTENING A NEW TANK
POST WINES
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

SOME PEOPLE POST EVERY LITTLE THING THEY DO ON FACEBOOK
THAT'S WHY I'VE TAKEN A FIRM STAND AGAINST IT!
THE LAST SELFIE I POSTED WAS TEN HOURS AGO WITH LOU'S EXTREME CHILI DOG!
AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN POST ANY DINNER PICS!
IT'S NOT EASY, BUT SOMEBODY HAS TO LEAD THE WAY!
YOU'RE AN INSPIRATION, DEAR

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Hard: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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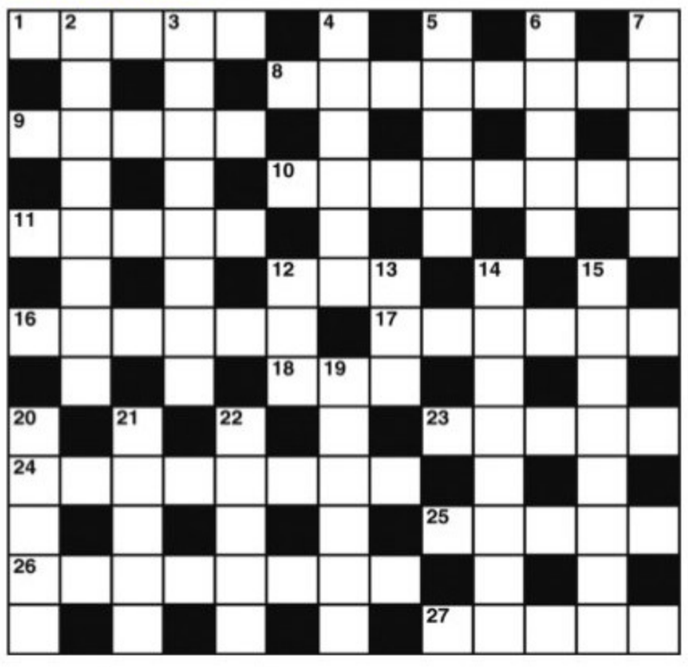
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Sort of mistake that could make one late (5)
8 Noted French-speaking union (8)
9 Hazards of drivers and divers (5)
10 Tees should be made with sand - agreed? (8)
11 Refuse to wither away (5)
12 Twelve inches behind (3)
16 Anything but happy with my new logo (6)
17 More ideal state (6)
18 Fall in the sea (3)
23 What a thief may do is a hit (5)
24 Worker I surpass as a matter of course (8)
25 National condition? (5)
26 See 4 Down
27 Youthful love of being in a crowd (5)

DOWN
2 The morning help is easily won over (8)
3 Increase in work for the summer (8)
4 and 26: Explorers go to extremes to reach them (4,2,3,5)
5 Points out a woman with an odd figure (5)
6 Encourages a beast in distress (5)
7 A call for narrow margins (5)
12 Once always included in prayers (3)
13 It floats but overturns (3)
14 One has a lot of trouble getting into this (3,5)
15 They put sides at variance (8)
19 Takes excessive pride in bats so well turned out (6)
20 Reports it's very warm on board (5)
21 Range and directions (5)
22 He made very valuable contacts (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS
Across: 1 Bottom gear, 6 Chop, 10 Tempi, 11 Parachute, 12 Languish, 13 Oasis, 15 Coyotes, 17 Platoon, 19 Inroads, 21 Creator, 22 Endue, 24 Carolina, 27 Topiarist, 28 Ivory, 29 List, 30 Aggregates.
Down: 1 Bits, 2 Tom Sawyer, 3 Owing, 4 Gypsies, 5 Airship, 7 Hours, 8 Pleasantry, 9 Accolade, 14 Accidental, 16 Trade gap, 18 Out-and-out, 20 Sacking, 21 Curator, 23 Dupes, 25 Lying, 26 Eyes.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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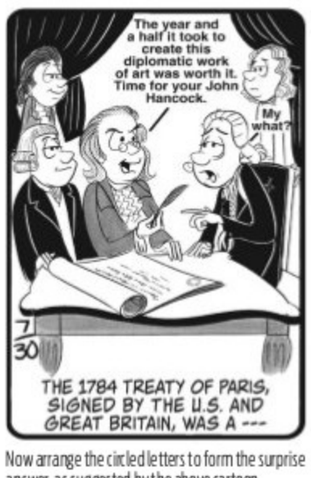
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

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ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S: **Jumbles:**
CYCLE VALET VANITY FLORAL
ANSWER: The siblings had amassed an amazing assortment of rare coins – COLLECTIVELY

Slamming the state government over the recent demolition of a temple in Nanjangud, Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji of Pejawar Mutt said the government thinks twice before pulling down or even touching religious places of other religions, but when it comes to temples, their decision is quick

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

775 CASES REPORTED TODAY

787 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TOTAL CASES AT A GLANCE

TODAY 29,73,395

YESTERDAY 29,72,620

DEATHS

TODAY 9 | YESTERDAY 11

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until September 26, 2021, a total of 29,73,395 cases have been reported in 1 year and 201 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY 860 | YESTERDAY 775

Active cases

TODAY 13,213

YESTERDAY 13,307

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY 6.30%

YESTERDAY 6.31%

The day positivity rate – **0.54%** – is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY 1.26%

YESTERDAY 1.26%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY 98.28%

YESTERDAY 98.28%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

255 BENGALURU URBAN

24 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	3
Ballari	1
Belagavi	7
Bidar	1
Chamarajanagar	4
Chikkaballapur	0
Chikkamagaluru	52
Chitradurga	9
Dakshina Kannada	99
Davanagere	2
Dharwad	2
Gadag	1
Hassan	15
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	0
Kodagu	55
Kolar	31
Koppal	0
Mandya	12
Mysuru	81
Raichur	1
Ramanagara	1
Shivamogga	21
Tumakuru	29
Udupi	40
Uttara Kannada	28
Vijayapura	1
Yadgir	0

'We are vaccinated and ready for third wave'

BANSY KALAPPA

With cinemas, auditoriums, Rangamandiras, multiplexes and pubs allowing 100 per cent seating capacity, there is a gnawing fear among people about a possible spike in numbers. Parents and school authorities are jittery about Covid-19 monitoring in schools. Health Minister **Dr K Sudhakar** says the government is reviewing the situation regularly.

There is talk about the imminent third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, how well are we prepared?

Pandemics are prone to multiple waves. The third wave may or may not hit us. However, it is our responsibility as a government to be prepared. We have augmented our capacity in beds and oxygen supply significantly. The number of ICU beds in Karnataka before Covid was only 725. Currently, the State has 3,877 ICU beds in government medical colleges and government hospitals -- an increase of 5-6 times. There were 4,847 oxygenated beds before Covid. As of August 2021, the number of oxygenated beds has increased to 28,447, and regular beds have increased from 41,378 to 50,629. Pre-Covid, government hospitals and medical colleges had an oxygen capacity of 320 MT, which we augmented to 1,207 MT as of August 2021. During the second wave, oxygen logistics was a huge challenge -- the number of cylinders before Covid was 2,180, but has increased to 13,588 cylinders now. The number of oxygen concentrators has gone up from 585 before Covid to 6,511 as of August 2021.

Parents are complaining that compliance with Covid-19 guidelines is not monitored in schools.

Schools have been given clear instructions on steps to be followed. These measures are reviewed on a regular basis. If there are any violations, we will look into it.

Third-stage clinical trials for children's vaccine are on, how long will they have to wait?

Vaccine trials for children are at various stages of completion. A couple of pharmaceutical companies are working on it. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is overseeing this process and we are hopeful that vaccines will be out soon.

We are confident of vaccinating all eligible adults by end of December 2021. People of Karnataka have been very cooperative

Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister

Film theatres will have 100 per cent seating from Friday. As a doctor, do you foresee a risk because people are together inside for three hours?

The decision to allow 100 per cent seating in theatres in the state was taken after thorough deliberations. It is important to allow businesses to open, without compromising on safety. Only people vaccinated with at least one dose are allowed to enter, there will be two intervals and theatres will be sanitised after every show.

On September 17, a record number of people were vaccinated, but there has been a drop. Is it possible to vaccinate every one before the December deadline?

We administered 31.68 lakh doses on September 17, to pay tribute to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday. We conduct vaccination drives on Wednesdays with a target of 10 lakh doses, and last Wednesday, administered more than 10 lakh doses. We are confident of vaccinating all eligible adults by end of December 2021. People of Karnataka have been very cooperative and we have already achieved 78 per cent coverage in first dose. Most of the districts have coverage of over 90 per cent. Karnataka has an adult population of 4.9 crore, and two doses for the entire adult population means we need to administer 9.8 crore doses. We have to administer 4.35 crore more vaccine doses to complete vaccination.

The physically challenged remain unvaccinated. How will you reach them?

If a person is unable to walk up to the vaccination centre, the staff has been instructed to vaccinate them in their cars or wheelchairs outside the centre. We have also started a programme to vaccinate bedridden or critically disabled people.

The health department is seeking to give overworked health staff a holiday on Sundays, but don't most people turn up for vaccination on that day?

Health workers have been working relentlessly since March 2020. Staffers responsible for vaccination have been working hard since January 2021. Most of them are overworked. Now that vaccination has reached a certain stage, it is important that they are given a well-deserved break.

How doctors saved baby infected with post-Covid syndrome

IFFATH FATHIMA@Bengaluru

ONE of the first patients in Karnataka who was detected with Severe Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (PMIS) post-Covid was a 23-month-old baby in Bengaluru. With timely treatment, the baby recovered. Doctors from Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road, who treated the child, have written an article — "Severe Paediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in a 23 months old baby post COVID-19 effectively managed with IVIG and pulse steroid", which is under pre-print stage in Research Square.

It was during the first wave that this child was infected. It was till then believed that many children are without symptoms. But when this case was presented, it was a challenge to identify that the child had PMIS post-Covid.

The baby presented with a high fever for three days followed by loose stools. He had non-purulen conjunctivitis, puffiness in the eyes and swelling of hand and feet. Initially when the Covid test was performed, the baby was negative. The child even had prenatal acute kidney injury, hyponatremia with elevated inflammatory markers, elevated liver enzymes and had developed hypotension within 6 hours of admission. Based on the clinical presentations, the doctors stated that it could possibly be hyperinflammatory syndrome with multi-organ involvement. They further carried out an antibody test, which showed high levels of antibodies, confirming that he previously had Covid. The child was then given IVIG along with pulse steroids. On Day 3 of admission, the child showed improvements.

Dr Yogesh Kumar Gupta, Dept of Paediatrics and Paediatric Critical care, Fortis Hospitals, said, "Timely identification of the syndrome helped in saving the child."

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BANGALORE
Jeevan Mangal Building, No.4, Residency Road, at Bengaluru-560025.
O.A. No.96/2019

Between:
Bank of India, Bangalore Main Branch, No.11, Kempegowda Road, Bangalore -560009. ..Applicant
And:
M/s. Fimbez
Rep., by its Proprietor,
Sri.George Roch and another ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To
1. M/s. Fimbez, (A Proprietory Concern) Having its Office at: Kannurahalli Road, Near Milana Conventional Hall, Hoskote-562114. Rep., by its Proprietor
2. Sri George Roch, Aged about 42 years, S/o. Sri Joseph Roch, Proprietor M/s. Fimbez, No.24, Nandagokula, 7th Cross, Near College Road, M.B.Extension, Hoskote-562114.

under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.56,36,890.16 P.s (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and Sixteen Paise Only),** together with current and future interest and for other relief/s. The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate, in support of their defense to show cause **on: 16/11/2021 at 10.30 a.m.**as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this **Eleventh day of August, 2021.**

By order of the Tribunal
Sd/-Registrar,
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client Mrs. R. Vijaya Kumari W/o. Mr. B.K. Prasannakumar is the absolute owner of Portion of Property bearing Site Nos. 13 & 14, New CMC No. 66/52:2-52:1/13, 14, Assessment No. 52/2 (52/1), Khatha No. 363, situated at Nagawara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk; Measuring East to West (43+36)/2, North to South (33+31)/2, in totally measuring 1264 sq.feet and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Remaining portions of same CMC No. 66/52:2-52:1/13, 14 (site Nos. 13 &14) belongs to Sri. Murali, North by: Site No. 12, belongs to Mr. Shanta Kumar and South by: Road. While renovating his house, our client has lost the original Indenture of Sale dated 28/05/2004, Doc. No. BLN-1-08549/2004-05, stored in C.D. No. BLND3, Book No. 1, executed by Mrs. Lakshmamma in favour of Mrs. Balamma, pertaining to the said property.
In the event any person finds or in possession of the above said original document, kindly handover the same to the below mentioned address within 7 days of the publication of this notice. The general public are informed not to act on the basis of the said original document.

SOMASHEKHARA .A.N. Advocate
No. 105, 3rd Floor, MR Mansion, 12th Main Road, Muthyalanagar Bengaluru-560 054.

NOTICE NO. DUBA/CONS /434/ MR/21-(230) Dated: 12/09/2021

Mr. JONATHAN VON BOCK S/o DANIEL VON BOCK, Resident of No. 5/67, 1st Floor, Vinay Nursing Home, 1st Cross Hennur Main Road, Lingarajapuram, Bengaluru, PIN:560084, Karnataka, India. Present Address: 1303, Al Waleed Paradise, JLT, Dubai, UAE
AND Miss PRADEESHA MALCOLM Daughter of FRANCIS MALCOLM PAUL, Resident of No.7 Ground Floor, 1st A Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony Extension, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bengaluru, PIN:560043, Karnataka, India. Present address: 501, Cluster R JLT, Dubai, UAE.
Above mentioned Indian nationals presently residing in the UAE have given notice of intended marriage between them under the foreign marriages act, 1969. If anyone has any objection to the proposed marriage, he/she should file the same with the undersigned according to the procedure laid down under the act/rules within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.
(Jitender Singh Negi) Marriage Officer, Consulate General of India, P.O Box: 737, Dubai (UAE), Fax No 009714-3970453, Email: cons1.dubai@mea.gov.in, con3.dubai@mea.gov.in. Homepage: www.cgidubai.gov.in

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-57)
OS No. 4574 / 2019

BETWEEN:
Smt. JAYALAKSHMI
W/o B. Venkataswamy, Aged about 53 years R/at JVS Enclave, Sy No. 2, 1st Main Road, Kadabesanahalli, Outer Ring Road, Marathalli, Bangalore - 560087. Plaintiff
AND
M.B Kumar @ Kiran
S/o Basavaiah, Aged about 33 years No.19, 6th A Cross, Near Government Hospital, Rotary Nagar, Kodichikkanahalli Bangalore - 560072 Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
M.B Kumar @ Kiran
S/o Basavaiah, Aged about 33 years No.19, 6th A Cross, Near Government Hospital, Rotary Nagar, Kodichikkanahalli Bangalore - 560072.

Whereas, the plaintiff has instituted the above said suit for Ejectment of the suit schedule property you are hereby summoned to appear before this court in person or by a pleader on the 30thday of October 2021 at 11 O' Clock to answer the same, failing which the suit/matter will be determined ex-parte.
Give under my hand and seal of the court this 15th day September 2021.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Building known as JVS Enclave, situated at Sy No.2, 1st Main road, Kadabesanahalli, outer Ring Road, Marathalli, Bangalore-87 consisting One Kitchen, Two Bed Rooms, Two common Bathroom of each, in seven houses and separate kitchen room in 4th Floor, including sink-7 nos, taps-7 nos, Door bulb-7 nos, Tubes lights-28 nos, Bath rooms lights-13 nos, Fan-21 Nos, Commode Taps-10 Nos, Bathroom Taps-13 Nos, Bore motor 1 no, tank motor 2 nos, water tank (sintex)-3 nos, Solar heater(TATA) indo. Brass handles(main door) 6 nos. tower bolt (brass)-6 nos and keys 60 nos. and bounded on,
East by : Land belonging to Tulsappa
West by : Road
North by : Village Boundary
South by : Land belonging to Tulsappa

Advocate for Plaintiff
HnC LEGAL, Advocates & Consultants
No 13/2 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Nagappa Street, Palace Guttahalli. Bangalore 560003.

By Order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court, Bangalore.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, AT BANGALORE
Jeevan Mangal Buildings, 1st & 2nd Floor, No.4, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025.
O.A.No.1335/2020

Between:
Canara Bank, J.P.Nagar 2nd Phase Branch And RAH Branch, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. ...Applicant
And
Sri. Ashith Bhimappa Kurbet and another ...Defendants

SUMMONS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF SUBSTITED SERVICE:

To:
Defendant Nos.1 & 2
1. Sri.Ashit Bhimappa Kurbet, S/o. Sri. Bhimappa Kurbet, aged about 37 years, Phone: 8970112299
2. Smt. Priyanka Koppad, W/o. Sri. Ashit Kurbet aged about 34 years, Phone: 9686311336
Both are presently residing at B-207, Casa Ansal Apartment, J.P.Nagar, 3rd Phase, Bengaluru-560078. **Permanently Address:** Channilaya Building, Bhagya Nagar 6th Cross, Belgaum-590006.

1. Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993, (Copy enclosed), against you for Recovery of sum of **Rs. 1,09,46,461.11ps. (Rupees One Crore Nine Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty One and Paise Eleven only),** mentioned therein together with Current and future interest, costs and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement before this Tribunal at **10.30 a.m.** or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of Tribunal **on 02/12/2021** to answer the claim. 2. A Copy of the application is enclosed herewith. The Copies of the annexure are also enclosed. You are directed to collect the annexure on your appearance before the Tribunal. 3. If you intend to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with the written statement. 4. You should file your registered address and memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the Tribunal either in person or by a pleader/ Advocate duly instructed. 5. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **14th day of September, 2021**

Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2
Bengaluru

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ARMY NO.JC-340192K Rank SUB MAJ/GIT P M Nirmal Kumar, Working at ADMC, Near Ayyappa Temple, M.S.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560033. I state that I have changed the name of my Son from **AKASH K** to **AKASH K NIRMAL,** vide affidavit Dated, 24/09/2021, sworn before C.Santhosh, Notary Public, at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **VINEET TERWAD,** age 27 years, S/o Pradeep, residing at # 303, Malnad Residency, Hanuma Hills Layout, Near Chaitanya Techno School, Arehalli, Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore-560 061, Karnataka do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **VINEET TERWAD** and **VINEET TERWAD PRADEEP** are one and the same and belongs to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **VINEET TERWAD** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25-09-2021, sworn before advocate and notary **H.G. PADMANABHA RAO** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Shridurgha, D/o Karunanithi, aged 45 years, R/at No. A-124, SLS Splendor Apartment, Devarabeesanahalli, Marathahalli, Sarjapura Ring Road, Bengaluru-560 103, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath that my name is recorded as SHRIDURGHA JANAKIRAMAN in certain documents and as DURGA.K in certain other documents. I further state that names i.e., SHRIDURGHA JANAKIRAMAN and DURGA.K which are mentioned in my Aadhar Card, Pan Card and all the property documents are one and the same and both the names represents me only as per the Affidavit dated 30/08/2021, duly sworn before the Advocate and Notary Ganesh Gowda.M.V, Bangalore.

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I Bindu T D, D/O Devidas T K, studied in Auden Public School from May 2018 to April 2019 with index number 1196795/008 and passed out in May 2019, have lost my 10th standard original ICSE marks card and passing certificate on 15th September 2021, if found contact **9844013543**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vinayaka Bhat Kanchikai Chandrashekhara, aged about 47 years, S/o. Sri. Chandrashekhara, R/at No.21, bettahalli, Kadabagere Post, Dasanapur Hobli, Kittanahalli, Bengaluru Rural Pin 562130, I hereby change my minor son's name from **'SUMUKHA' to 'SUMUKHA KANCHIKAI VINAYAKA BHAT'.** Vide Affidavit dated 16.03.2021, Sworn before Advocate & Notary H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore.

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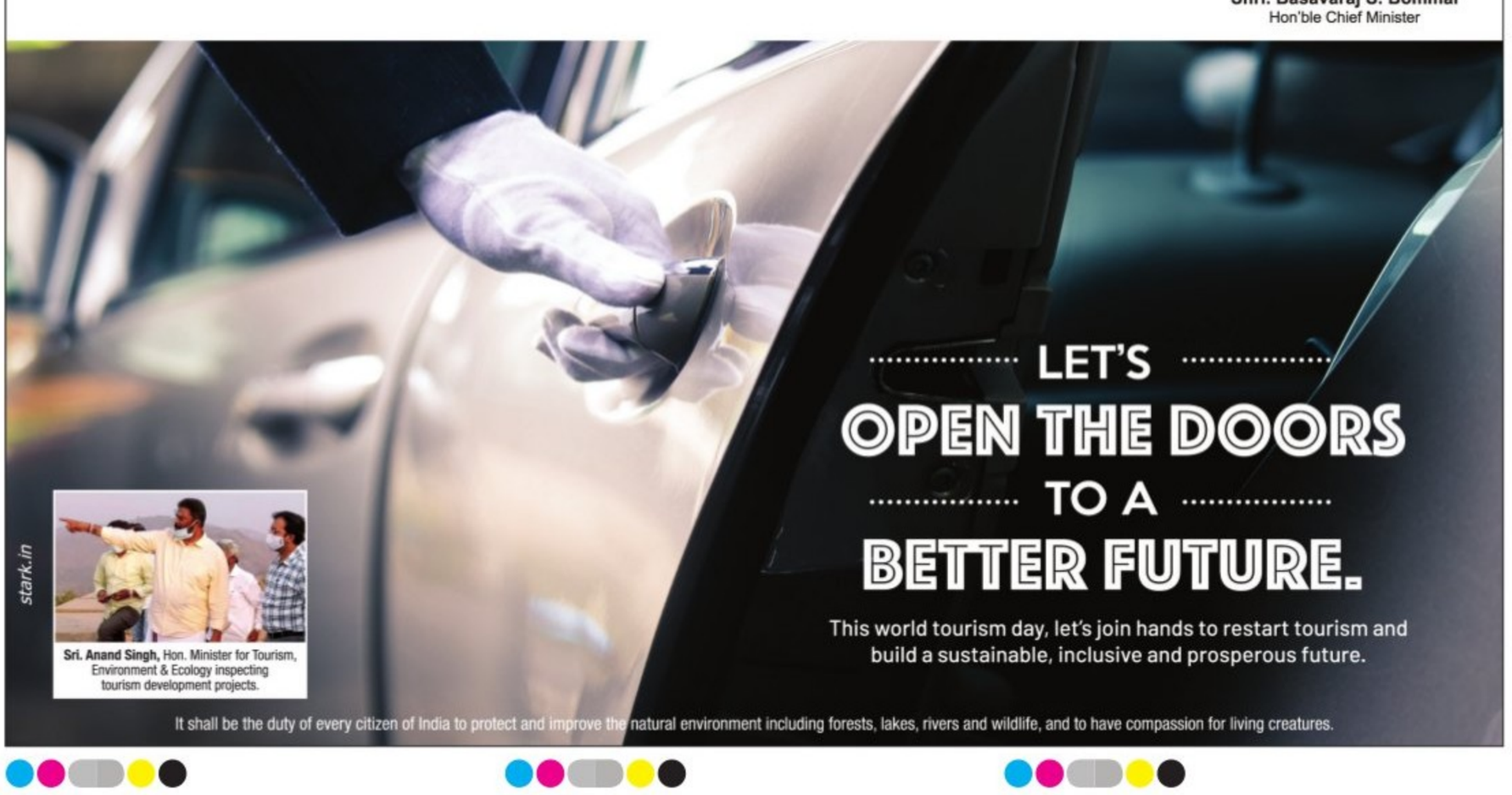
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Former minister and Chamundeshwari MLA G T Devegowda has urged the State Government to relax Covid-19 restrictions and allow more people to participate in the Mysuru Dasara celebrations

Bandh may hit traffic across state today

Many organisations planning rasta roko; Hotels, schools, colleges, trains, businesses expected to function normally

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BHARAT Bandh, called by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha, may throw traffic out of gear across the state, especially in Bengaluru, as members of various farmer, Kannada and Left organisations, and opposition parties are expected to stage 'rasta roko' on state and national highways on Monday. Inter-state buses to neighbouring Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra may be called off as ruling parties in those states have extended support to the protest against the three farm laws passed by the Centre.

The Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha has announced that it will block nine stretches in Bengaluru, including Tumakuru, Mysuru, Sumanahalli Junction and Hosuru roads, while the Kisan wing of KPCC will stage rasta roko at Hebbal and KR Puram. Kannada Chalavali Vatal Paksha leader Vatal Nagaraj said he will block Hosur Road near Attibele.

Dr Rajkumar Fans' Association president Sa Ra Govindu, Kannada organisation leaders Praveen Shetty and Shivarame Gowda will take part in the bandh, while Karnataka Rakshana Vedike president Narayana Gowda has extended his moral support. Dalit organisations too are expected to block roads.

Raitha Sangha members in Myusuru, Hassan, Raichur, Kalaburagi, Ballari, and Hubballi-Dharwad held meetings to make the bandh total. "In Tumakuru, Shivamogga, Haveri and Belagavi, the bandh is expected to get a good response as Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait had toured these districts," said Anand Patel, leader of the Kodihalli Chandrashekar faction of Raitha Sangha.

Hoteliers and private bus owners are not taking part in the protest, while private schools associations have extended moral support. "We will support the bandh by wearing green badges. Since offline classes restarted recently, we don't want to close schools and colleges," said Recognised Unaided Private Schools Association president Halanuru S Lepaksh. Associated Managements of Private Schools in Karnataka General secretary Shashi Kumar extended support.

Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant said, "4,000 police personnel, including 11 DCPs, two joint commissioners, two additional commissioners, 45 KSRP and 21 CAR platoons, will be deployed additionally."

KSRTC has urged district police heads to provide security to buses and asked the staff to be in touch with the police and report damage to buses to divisional controllers.

BANDH FROM 6 AM TO 4 PM

Bharat Bandh will be observed from 6 am to 4 pm. Hotels, trains, businesses, schools and colleges are expected to function. Adequate security will be provided to BMTC and KSRTC buses. Lorries and maxi-cabs may hit the road, depending on the situation.

Araga to monitor situation

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said he will stay in Bengaluru to monitor bandh preparedness by the police. In the evening, he will head to Mysuru which will be his first visit after the police arrested the accused in the gangrape case. He will participate in the passing-out parade of newly trained police constables.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Inter-party bonhomie in Tumakuru politics

CM Basavaraj Bommai, during his visit to Tumakuru on Saturday, inaugurated a private co-operative bank's ATM, the only reason being that Law Minister JC Madhuswamy's friend is the banker. Later, the CM had a surprise guest -- former Congress MLA K N Rajanna, who rushed up with a shawl and big bouquet, and declared that he had come all the way from Sampige Hosahalli in Turuvekere taluk to meet his old "good times" friend. Tumakuru LS member G S Basavaraju, who had taken Rajanna's support to defeat former PM H D Deve Gowda, was quite impressed. The buzz is that Basavaraju may help Rajanna's son Rajendra, if the Congress gives him a ticket to contest the MLC seat from local bodies in December. Interestingly, many did not notice former DyCM Dr G Parameshwara greeting the CM with a bouquet. The man who had reportedly remarked that Bommai could deliver good governance, left the venue soon after.

Of brides, grooms and good roads

In politics there are no permanent friends or enemies. During the recently concluded legislative session, Belur JDS MLA K S Lingesh was highlighting the lack of village roads, and how they are a deterrent to matrimonial alliances. Urging RDPR Minister **KS Eshwarappa** to provide better roads in Belur, Lingesh said he got his daughter married to a man from Shivamogga, which is Eshwarappa's turf. To which Eshwarappa said that it was all very well, as his district has many eligible grooms looking for brides, who have become scarce these days. "I know Lingesh has three daughters, let him marry his two other daughters too to grooms in my constituency," he joked. Speaker Kageri observed that there is a shortage of brides everywhere. "So why take all brides to Shivamogga?" he asked.

Protest patent: Vatal irked by Cong ideas

Former legislator **Vatal Nagaraj** of Kannada Chalavali Vatal Paksha is synonymous with innovative protests. Of late, he's irked that the Congress has "hijacked" his ideas to protest against fuel prices. Congress leaders started with a bullock-cart rally on the day the Assembly session began, they also pedalled bicycles -- though working president Eshwar Khandre and Shantinagar MLA N A Haris used electric bikes. On the last day of the session, Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar drove horse-driven tongas. Enough to make Vatal lose his cool. "I will write to the Congress party and may even move court for hijacking my ideas," he said angrily. Vatal, who holds the patent for bizarre protests, and has co-opted animals for his protests, fears that the Congress may shepherd donkeys and camels into its next rally.

Moving with the times

BJP MLC Bharathi Shetty, who took up the Mysuru rape issue, demanded that working women should not be allowed to put in overtime, and work late hours. Reacting sharply, opposition leader S R Patil said "restricting women is not our culture". As the session ended and the legislators streamed out, Bharathi Shetty buttonholed Patil, and asked him if he would allow women members of his family to work late hours. "Why not? Times have changed," replied Patil. Always better to sound progressive than retrograde.

Advice to junior: Get down to work

Looks like Union Minister **Pralhad Joshi** is nudging Hubballi-Dharwad West MLA Arvind Bellad to wake up and perform. The MLA, who was lying low after losing the CM's race to Basavaraj Bommai, had remained dormant during the recent Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation elections, and was absent even at important party and government functions. At a public consultation for an elevated corridor at Rani Chennamma Circle in Hubballi on Saturday, Joshi asked Bellad to be part of the committee looking into objections and suggestions by the public and experts. Doling out advice, he chided Bellad to cut down on his foreign trips and involve himself in work. Bellad, who agreed to be on the committee, laughingly told Joshi that politics had put paid to all phoren tours.

No one is opposing BSY's state tour, says Bommai

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RUBBISHING murmurs that the BJP high command has put the brakes on former chief minister BS Yediyurappa's proposed statewide tour, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said there are no objections from anyone to the former travelling across the state.

Yediyurappa had recently said that his tour aimed at further strengthening the BJP and bringing the party to power in 2023, when the next Assembly election in Karnataka is due. "BJP national general secretary and Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh has already made it clear that there is no problem with Yediyurappa's tour. There is no need for anyone to react further on this issue," Bommai added.

On Panchamsali seer Jaya Mrutyunjay Swami's threat to renew the agitation from October 1 demanding 2A reservation to the community, Bommai said he was in touch with the former. "I will take a final decision regarding the reservation issue, once I receive the report from the Backward Classes Commission. The demand put forth by Panchamsalis has to be resolved by everyone together," he added.

Asked about the absence of the Jarkiholi brothers in his programmes in Belagavi, Bommai said, "They have informed me about their inability to attend the events."

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurates Ravindra Kaushik e-library established under the Smart City Project in Belagavi on Sunday

On measures taken by the government to control viral fever among children, Bommai said he has directed health officials in all districts to conduct health checkup camps for children, and prescribe the necessary medicines as cases of viral infection and fever among children are rampant in various parts of the state. The Health Department had been asked to conduct health camps at PHCs, he added.

Sugar Directorate office to be shifted to Belagavi

The office of the Sugar Directorate will be shifted to Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi, and will start functioning from October 3, said Bommai. He said this has been a long-pending demand of sugarcane farmers and people of North Karnataka. Some more offices will also be shifted to Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi soon, he said.

On winter session in Belagavi

"We are planning to conduct the winter session at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi in December. However, the Cabinet will take a final call. Major government offices will be relocated to Belagavi before the session begins," he said.

Asked about pending sugarcane dues, Bommai said sugar factory owners should clear the pending bills to farmers at the earliest, else action will be initiated against them. "A meeting will also be held with representatives of sugar factories and the apex bank in Bengaluru to settle pending bills of farmers," he said.

HITS OUT AT BJP

Congress will not split any party, claims Shivakumar

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KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar on Sunday said the Grand Old Party will not split any other party, but will welcome anyone who wants to enter its fold.

He was speaking at a programme organised to distribute ration kits at Sanjaynagar in the city on Sunday. Members of other parties joined the Congress on the occasion.

Reacting to BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel's claim that 20 legislators from Congress are ready to join the saffron party, Shivakumar said, "Not 20 MLAs... even if you (BJP) take 40 of our MLAs, you cannot harm Congress. We will come to power in 2023." Former chief minister BS Yediyurappa too had recently claimed that several Congress legislators were ready to join BJP.

On Monday's Bharat Bandh call given by farmers against the new farm laws, he said Congress supports the bandh. "The Union and State governments are not allowing farmers to exist peacefully. Farmers have been agitating for more than a year. But their issues are not being raised in Parliament or Assembly," he said. Calling the Union Government stubborn, the Kanakapura MLA said there is widespread opposition to the new farm laws from all sections of society.

"People are fed up with BJP. The party is only giving false assurances to people. They did not provide any relief to those working in the unorganised sector during the Covid-19 pandemic," he said.

The Congress leaders distributed ration kits to the residents of Sanjaynagar and Gandhinagar.

In Gandhinagar, the Congress leaders recalled the achievements of former Congress chief minister Gundu Rao whose birth anniversary was celebrated on Sunday.

KPCC chief DK Shivakumar addresses a gathering after distributing ration kits in Bengaluru on Sunday

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> DK Shivakumar, KPCC president

BIOGRAPHY OUT

RSS Akhil Bharatiya Prachar Pramukh Sunil Ambekar (second from left), Sah Prachar Pramukh Narender Kumar (extreme left) and others release the book 'Swatantrya Veer Savarkar: A Concise Biography' authored by Dr Arvind Godbole in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

No Muslim or Christian in cabinet... What vikas, questions Siddaramaiah

ENS @Bengaluru

THERE is not a single Muslim or Christian in the cabinet, though the BJP claims it is working for everyone's welfare, opposition leader Siddaramaiah said, taking a swipe at the BJP slogan, 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. He said it was the RSS which had chosen Basavaraj Bommai to be Chief Minister.

He alleged that former chief minister B S Yediyurappa had launched Operation Kamala to grab power, but the BJP had removed Yediyurappa himself.

Slamming the BJP as a "party that repeats lies over and over to make it the truth", he said the party has "set up virtual factories that manufacture lies". It is historically proven that RSS leaders did not participate in the freedom struggle, nor did they sacrifice their lives for Independence, and had only recently started chanting 'Vande Mataram'.

He said developmental works are being carried out in Hebbal and other areas, thanks to funds released by the JDS-Congress government. He also accused Prime Minister Modi of uttering lies. "PM Modi does the opposite of what he tells people to do," he said.

POLITICAL PLAN

Ibrahim cosies up to JDS, to launch platform for minorities

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THE renewed bonhomie between Congress MLC **CM Ibrahim** and the JDS top brass has raised eyebrows in political circles.

This comes at a time when the Janata Dal Secular is facing growing discontent within its ranks, with legislators GT Devegowda, SR Srinivas and K Srinivas Gowda showing an inclination to switch sides.

According to political pundits, Ibrahim reconnecting with JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy, has come as a morale-booster for the regional party ---called a "sinking ship" by BJP national general secretary and Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh.

Ibrahim, a former Union Minister, had recently given a call to Vokkaligas in Bhadravathi to strengthen the hands of Kumaraswamy, indirectly sending a message that he too will be with the latter, ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections. To give more credence to the murmur, the senior Congress leader met Kumaraswamy at his Bidadi farmhouse earlier last week.

But political analysts opine that there seems to be more to this renewed friendship than meets the eye.

The veteran Congress leader is expected to float a minorities' forum with members cutting across party lines, to work as a pressure group to showcase the relevance of the Muslim community in Karnataka politics. "This will be a win-win situation for both the minorities and the JDS... the party that so far could not actually translate its minority vote base into actual votes," said a political expert, on condition of anonymity.

Ibrahim was civil aviation minister in the Deve Gowda cabinet at the Centre. Later, he severed ties with Gowda and joined the Siddaramaiah camp, that invigorated the AHINDA (Kannada acronym for Minorities, Backward Classes and Dalits) political idea and came to power in 2013. "We start our meetings in October. Bringing back the past glory of Karnataka through regional identity politics and showcasing the relevance of minorities who have been taken for granted by political parties till now, are the objectives (of the new forum)," Ibrahim told *The New Indian Express*.

Asked about quitting the Congress with his MLC term ending in June 2024, Ibrahim shot back, "Who said I have decided to quit the Congress... I am yet to decide my next political move... I am not bothered about the MLC post."

"I have also discussed with Siddaramaiah about Muslims not getting the respect they deserve politically, despite constituting 18 per cent of the population in Karnataka," he said.

"The decline of Muslim representation in the House is a matter of concern. In 19 Assembly segments, Muslims constitute 30% of the electoral population... but a mere 7 have been elected to the Assembly in 2018," observed political analyst Sagheer Ahmed.

A senior Congress leader, although admitting the dismal representation of Muslims in the Assembly, clarified that Ibrahim's "blackmail politics" will not affect the Grand Old Party.

EXPRESS READ

Who trained you, HDK asks Siddaramaiah

BENGALURU: JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy hit out at Congress leader Siddaramaiah and said that the latter has "forgotten the party (JDS) that trained him in the past." Taking to Twitter to launch a counter offensive against Siddaramaiah who had earlier said that JDS was dependent on a larger partner and cannot come to power on its own, Kumaraswamy asked, "Who were the ones who strengthened Siddaramaiah?" He also accused Siddaramaiah of attacking the very party that built him. Kumarasmway said that he would launch a four-day Janata Parva 1.0, a party strengthening drive, at his farm in Kethganahalli near Bidadi. ENS

A 65-year-old man and his 7-year-old grandson were killed when the tyres of the car they were in burst, toppling the vehicle, near Dobbaspet in Bengaluru Rural district on Sunday. The deceased are Mohammed Saab and his grandson Mohammed Yousuf

EXPATS FEEL THE PINCH

Airfares to Gulf unlikely to return to normal soon

DHINESH KALLUNGAL @T'Puram

IS the dramatic rise in airfares an indication of the post-pandemic recovery? Hard to say but if the latest trend is any indication, the exorbitant ticket rates charged by airlines post the second wave is likely to continue for a few more months, burning a hole in the pockets of expatriates. Seats to various destinations in the Gulf countries are selling like hot cakes, something the airlines have missed since the Covid outbreak. In turn, the surge in demand, unsurprisingly, is pushing up flight ticket prices to a record high.

A ticket on the Kochi-Kuwait route for Monday is priced in the range of Rs 1,05,100 to Rs 2,18,500, the highest among the GCC countries. The Kochi-Riyadh flight ticket costs Rs 1,98,400. Similar is the case with flights to Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Doha from Kochi.

A senior airline officer told TNIE that there is little chance of airfares returning to normal in the next few months as the fare on each route is demand-driven.

"Many expats who arrived in the state before the second wave are now trapped. Also, overseas companies have started recalling their staff who were told to go on leave once the restrictions were eased in various countries. In the case of Kuwait and Saudi, they have allowed only restricted entry, which is one of the main reasons for the high rates on these routes. Meanwhile, the Dubai Expo that begins on October 1 has contributed to the high fare on the Kerala-UAE routes," he said.

Some airlines have reduced the number of available seats after the Covid outbreak, which too resulted in ticket prices skyrocketing. Though the Centre is planning to open the borders for foreigners soon by offering sops to revitalise the hospitality and airline sectors, the move is not expected to bring any major change in airfare dynamics as the number of foreigners visiting Kerala is not very big from the point of view of airlines, which mainly cater to passengers in the 'visiting friends and relatives' (VFR) category.

On Saturday Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said that Venu Rajamony, the state government's Officer on Special Duty in New Delhi, has taken up various issues faced by Pravasis with the external affairs ministry. "Among other things, the travel woes of expats were also presented before the central government officials, to find a solution," he said.

On the other hand, the return tickets to various airports in Kerala and other parts of the country are cheap compared to the fare on outbound flights.

The buoyancy in the overseas job markets and the reluctance of expats to take risks by travelling to Kerala has contributed to the sluggishness in the number of inbound passengers. The trend is unlikely to change soon, said a senior officer with Air India.

Official machinery on high alert in TS

Hyderabad: With the IMD issuing a red alert in view of Cyclone Gulab crossing the coast in Odisha, the Telangana government put all field engineers as well as the official machinery on high alert and directed them to be available at their respective headquarters. Officials have been asked to keep a watch on road and bridge points which are likely to be affected.

Cyclone triggers heavy rain in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: Cyclone Gulab skirted Odisha but triggered heavy rainfall in parts of the southern districts on Sunday. hough no major damage was reported till late evening, a youth identified as G Ramu was reportedly swept away in Mahendratanaya river near Sailada village in Gajapati's Gosani block. Efforts are on to trace him.

Miraculous escape for fisherman

Srikakulam: Braving choppy waters and an injury caused by his capsized boat's propeller, fisherman V Nayakanna, aged over 50, swam to safety and limped his way back to land. Earlier, four of Nayakanna's colleagues battled the rough sea for around 3.5 hours before reaching the shore. Another fisherman was still missing at the time of filing this report.

NDRF personnel remove trees that were uprooted on the Kalingapatnam - Gara Road in Srikakulam district on Sunday. Right: High tide at Bandaruvanipeta coast

Cyclone Gulab makes landfall in AP

Srikakulam, Vizianagaram dists plunge into darkness, witness heavy rainfall, strong wind

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SRIKAKULAM and Vizianagaram districts plunged into darkness as Cyclone Gulab made landfall 20 km north of Kalingapatnam at 8:30 pm with maximum sustained wind speed of 75-85 kmph gusting to 95 kmph. The landfall process of the cyclone commenced around 6 pm. After the landfall, the system is likely to maintain the cyclonic storm intensity with slight weakening of wind speed during the subsequent six hours over South Odisha and adjoining North Coastal Andhra Pradesh. It is likely to move west-northwest wards across South Odisha and South Chhattisgarh and weaken gradually into a depression

Under the cyclone impact, heavy to very heavy rains lashed various parts of Srikakulam and some parts of Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam since Sunday morning. The highest rainfall of 13.4 cm was recorded at Gara in Srikakulam district

A fisherman from Manchineella Peta village in Vajrapukotturu mandal in Srikakulam district went missing, while five others reached the shore safely at Akkupalli on Sunday evening. Met officials warned of rough to very rough sea conditions off the coast of AP and advised fishermen not to venture into the sea. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who took stock of the situation, spoke to Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and assured all possible support from the Centre in implementing relief and rehabilitation measures. He prayed for the safety and well-being of people of AP.

High-velocity winds uprooted trees at Purushothapatnam in Ichchapuram mandal, at Ganguvada in Mandasa and other places obstructing the movement of vehicular traffic. R&B teams swung into action to clear the fallen trees and clear the roads.

As a precautionary measure, 75 cyclone shelters were set up at vulnerable places in the district. Two NDRF teams were deployed in Gara and Kaviti coastal mandals.

NAVY MONITORING MOVEMENT OF STORM

The Indian Navy is closely monitoring the movement of the cyclonic storm Gulab. The Eastern Naval Command and Naval Officers-in-Charge of Odisha are in constant liaison with the State administrations for rendering required assistance. Two naval ships are at sea with Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief material and medical teams to render assistance in the most affected areas. Naval aircraft are kept ready at Naval Air Stations, INS Dega in Visakhapatnam and INS Rajali near Chennai to undertake an aerial survey of the most affected areas, casualty evacuation, and airdrop of relief material.

Dalit youth fined for entering temple in Koppal, four detained

SHREEPADA AYACHIT @Koppal

EVEN as Koppal district administration and the police have been creating awareness against the practice of untouchability after the Miyyaapur incident wherein a Dalit family was penalised when their kid entered a temple, yet another similar instance has come to light.

On September 11, Dalit youth Mareppa entered the Mahalaxmi temple to offer worship at Nagankal village in Karatagi taluk of the district. However, the temple priest Basavaraj Badiger objected to this and subsequently Rs 11,000 penalty was imposed on him by upper class members.

The incident came to light during the visit of district officials and the police to the village on September 25 to create awareness against untouchability.

Karatagi police have registered a suo moto case under SC-ST Act, 2015 against eight people, including the temple committee members, identified as Basavaraj Badiger, Revanayyaswamy Galimath, Shekharappa Ryavanaki, Sharanappa Gunjalli, Prashant Tammannavar, Basavaraj Talavar, Kadappa Nayak, and Durgesh. Four of the eight accused have been detained and search is on for the remaining, said a police official.

Marepppa is said to have initiated to offer worship as the temple priest was not present. However, the priest is said to have come to the temple at the same time and abused the youth before bringing it to the notice of upper class members including the temple committee. Though a penalty of Rs 11,000 was recovered from the Dalit youth, temple committee and upper class members claimed it as contribution, not penalty, sources said.

Social Welfare Department officials interact with residents of Nagankal village in Koppal district | EXPRESS

Train may be renamed after Suresh Angadi

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"THE state government will release funds for the acquisition of the land for Dharwad-Belagavi railway line to fulfill the dream of Suresh Angadi. As demanded, the state government will send a proposal to Centre to name the Belagavi-Bengaluru direct train as Angadi Express," said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

He was speaking on the first death anniversary of late Union Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi on Sunday.

"Angadi is the best example of how a minister should work when given powers. We will give full cooperation to bring his dream project into reality," the CM said.

5 engineering students held for vandalising cars

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@ Bengaluru

FIVE engineering students were arrested on Sunday for allegedly vandalising 14 cars in Rajarajeshwari Nagar and Kengeri on Thursday night. The students had gone on the rampage in an inebriated state after attending a birthday party, the police said.

The accused, who are from North India, are seventh-semester students of computer science at a private engineering college here.

They allegedly vandalised six cars at Krishna Garden in Rajarajeshwari Nagar police limits and eight cars in Nanjappa Block in Kengeri police limits. "They were arrested based on the CCTV footage and other clues. They had attended a birthday party at an apartment complex in Kengeri and had come out around 2 am to buy soft drinks from a store attached to a 24X7 petrol pump. While returning, they hit the windshields of the cars with a cricket bat they were carrying. While three are staying at an apartment in Kengeri, two are at the college hostel," the police said.

The police have seized two motorbikes and the cricket bat from the accused.

One of the cars that were vandalised at Krishna Garden in Rajarajeshwari Nagar

CRIME PATROL

Four rowdies land in police net

Bengaluru: The sleuths of the Organised Crime Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) have arrested four rowdies on charges of preparation for dacoity, and have seized a revolver and six bullets, among other evidences. Police said they were tipped off about four people waiting in a car near the Kuvempu Government School compound in Ullal Upanagar to attack passersby and rob them. "A car, weapons including a revolver, and six bullets have been seized from the accused. A case is registered in Jnanabharathi police station," the police added. ENS

Woman, lover jump to death

Bengaluru: A married woman and her lover ended their lives by jumping from Kabbal Durga Hills in Kanakapura taluk of Ramanagara district. The deceased are Chandana (20) and Satish (24), from Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu. Police said the decomposed bodies of the two youngsters were found by cattle grazers on Sunday morning. "It was found that the two had ended their lives about 3-4 days ago, as the bodies were completely decomposed. ENS

Manipuri student assaulted

Bengaluru: A 26-year-old student from Manipur was allegedly assaulted by two youths, who were reportedly enraged as the former did not give them the way to overtake on the road. The alleged incident took place in Ramamurthy Nagar on Friday morning. Dhanapan Keithellakpa, an MA (Psychology) student, has filed a complaint with the Ramamurthy Nagar police. The Meitei Students' Association Bengaluru termed it a "racist attack". ENS

Luxury car hits cab, none hurt

Bengaluru: A cab driver and two passengers escaped unhurt after a speeding Porsche car rammed their vehicle near Command Hospital in Halasuru, late on Saturday night. The police detained the accused, Jaweri Mewani, son of an industrialist. He has been subjected to a medical test to ascertain whether he was driving the car under the influence of alcohol. Police have seized the vehicles. ENS

POLLUTION CONTROL DEVICES MANDATORY FOR GENERATORS

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has directed users of diesel generator (DG) sets with a capacity of 125 KVA or above, to install emission control devices to reduce pollution. The order has been issued following the directions from the National Green Tribunal to all state government bodies to take steps to control the rising pollution level from various sources. According to the central government, the major sources of air pollution are vehicles, DG sets, construction dust and others.

The KSPCB has made it mandatory for all apartments, commercial and industrial establishments. Project sites, airports, railway and bus stations and other places, where DG sets are being used, should also ensure that they are fitted with emission control devices or equipment on generators to check the existence of pollutants. The order states that the emission control device should meet the parametres of the Board, and it should check the particulate matter and work to help increase the fuel efficiency of the device. The order also mentions that the device and the DG set should be ISO marked and approved by the Central or State Pollution Control Boards, Automotive Research Association of India, International Centre for Automotive Technology, and Indian Oil Corporation's Research and Development Centre. Meanwhile, the Board and the government are also encouraging users to shift to gas-based generators or retrofit the existing DG sets.

KSPCB Member Secretary stated that the order should come into force within 120 days from the date of issue (September 17, 2021).

A KSPCB official said, "Now, the exercise of checking places where DG sets are installed has already started. Although, many apartment complexes and industries have expressed their apprehension, the Board is contemplating issuing them notices."

Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal, GoI

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"Invitation of Bids for Auction of Coal Mines/ Blocks for Sale of Coal"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4(1) and 4(2) of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and Section 11A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Rules made thereunder, the Nominated Authority conducted the first attempt of auction of 11 coal mines, under 12th Tranche of Auction under CM(SP) Act and 2nd Tranche of Auction under MMDR Act, vide tender document dated March 25, 2021.

However, since the number of Technically Qualified Bidders pursuant to this tender process were less than 2, the tender process for these 11 coal mines were annulled. Pursuant to Para 2.2,(b) of the Office Memorandum No. CBA2-13011/2/2020-CBA2 dated June 1, 2020 issued by Ministry of Coal, the Nominated Authority is initiating the **second attempt of auction under 12th Tranche of Auction under CM(SP) Act and 2nd Tranche of Auction under MMDR Act for 11 coal mines** with the same terms and conditions as in the first annulled attempt and the highest Initial Offer of Technically Qualified Bidder, if any, from the first annulled attempt of auction becoming the Floor Price for the second attempt of auction.

The tender process shall be launched on Monday, September 27, 2021. Tender Document and other details of the auction process can be accessed on **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/coalblock/index.jsp**

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E-Procurement NOTICE

O-761: **The Chief Construction Engineer, R. W. Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites the percentage rate** bids in electronic tendering system for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the districts of **Kendrapara for 6 (Six)** numbers of packages with estimated cost totaling to **Rs.29.67** Cr (Approximately) including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with **state PWD / CPWD / MES / Railways.** The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently undergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract.

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: dtd 28.09.21

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytenders.gov.in The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security declaration and (c) original-affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4B(a) (ii) of ITB with **Chief Construction Engineer, R. W. Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur** on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Summary for key dates is provided below:

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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur	Tender Online RCK - 20/21	28.09.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	18.10.2021 to 5.00 P.M.	18.10.2021 up to 1.00 P.M.	21.10.2021 at 11.30 A.M.	Will be intimated later

Date of Submission of original documents such as Bid Security Declaration, Cost of Bid document and Affidavit: Dt. 21.10.2021 at 11.30 A.M. to 26.10.2021 at 3.00 P.M.

Further details can be seen from the website **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**

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— Ramnath Goenka

PAK COMPLETELY ISOLATED ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

One of the biggest foreign policy takeaways for India at the UN General Assembly meeting was the total isolation of Pakistan on the global stage. For the longest time, Pakistan willingly played the West's buffer to curtail the regional ambitions of India and the USSR. The Great Game is finally over, leaving Islamabad to deal with the terror demons it raised. The top dollar US doles it diverted to fund its global jihad project have dried out and left the nation battling penury on its own. If the Biden administration had any interest in keeping Islamabad afloat with aid to encourage orderly transfer of power in Afghanistan, it evaporated with the installation of the Taliban regime and the power grab by the Haqqani network in Kabul facilitated by Pakistan's deep state, pushing the relatively moderate Mullah Baradar to the sidelines. India played its part in building the narrative over the years by highlighting the neighbour's use of terror as an instrument of state policy. New Delhi's sharply-worded riposte to Pakistan PM Imran Khan raking up Kashmir at the UNGA meet, using the right to reply, calling it an arsonist disguised as a firefighter captured the duplicity eloquently.

US Vice President Kamala Harris herself referred to Pakistan's terror sanctuary during her one-on-one with visiting PM Narendra Modi, indicating the change in mood in Washington. That Modi had a summit meeting with President Biden apart from participating in the multilateral Quad summit must have been galling for Islamabad's Army and its puppet PM. More so as Biden hasn't even spoken to Imran ever since his return to the White House, not even during the height of the Afghan crisis. Given the diplomatic slap, Imran chose to address the UNGA through a pre-recorded speech instead of an in-person visit. He naively wondered in his speech why his nation was out of the aid basket, though the global community pledged support for Afghanistan's civil society.

That Pakistan is no longer clubbed with India is old news; it is now hyphenated with the brutal Taliban regime it incubated. How that would manifest in Kashmir and elsewhere as the nation manages the domestic fallout of drop in external aid, and the FATF, the terror funding watchdog, remains to be seen.

UNEASE WITH DOING BUSINESS REPORT

The World Bank last week discontinued its Doing Business survey after allegations of data irregularities in its 2018 and 2020 reports. Held in high esteem mostly by emerging countries jostling with each other for attracting foreign investors, the Doing Business report always had many critics. This, however, did not stop nations from taking pride in these rankings if they were doing well. Take India, for example, which improved its standing from 142nd in 2014 to 63rd in 2020.

The NDA government has showcased the improvement in its Ease of Doing Business ranking in its sales pitch to foreign investors, so much so that it has been used by the BJP in seeking votes from the educated middle class, which seems to get easily impressed by these indicators. But it should be noted that India's rank improved 30 places to 100 in 2018 and 17 places to 63 in 2020—the two years when the rankings were allegedly manipulated. While we may not blame the government too much for taking pride over India's rankings, it should be kept in mind that critics have been pointing out the flaws, of which data manipulation seems to be the least of the concerns. One of the biggest criticisms of the rankings has been its use of hypothetical case studies instead of real-life experience of actual business owners. Experts have also recommended expanding the sample size of the surveys. Some of the indicators used in the ranking may not be objectively measured, while others may give misleading information. Some experts have pointed out that while the ranking favours lower tax rates, this may not be good for the government of the country. Yet other indicators may only be applicable on listed companies, leaving out the small and medium businesses.

Now that China's use of its money power to influence the Ease of Doing Business survey has stained its report card, other global indices could also be suspect, needing a thorough cleanup.

The culprit is the state that has failed to provide quality education to our children. We need, therefore, to reassess the way we address issues of inclusion

CASTE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESERVATION

AMIT BANDRE

KAPIL SIBAL

Senior lawyer, Congress leader and member of Rajya Sabha

Caste is at the centre of the arithmetic of politics in India. It is hypocrisy personified when political leaders, while espousing the cause of a casteless India, embrace it with vigour for political mileage. Caste is here to stay for a long time to come. It is better for political parties to accept the reality of caste and deal with it than to say that they do not believe in caste-based politics. Recent political events in Punjab have demonstrated that caste is relevant even in a state where Punjabiyat is a constant refrain. The genie of Mandal will continue to impact politics in the near future.

It all started when the Morarji Desai government set up the Mandal Commission in 1979 to identify Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBCs). Their pent-up anger and clamour for justice was the result of hundreds of years of discrimination at the hands of the upper castes. That the SEBCs were denied their due is a historic reality. Embedded in their minds was the belief that such injustice can only be undone if they have a substantial share, based on reservations, in both employment in services and entry into educational institutions. Though the Mandal Commission Report (Mandal) was kept under wraps for years, on 7 August 1990, then Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh announced that Other Backward Classes (OBCs) will get 27% reservation in jobs in Central Services and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). The Supreme Court, through a landmark judgment, approved Mandal, which brought about a paradigm shift in the nature of electoral politics. Reverberations of Mandal are being witnessed even today and have infiltrated the social fabric of our country.

While Mandal recommended 27% reservation for OBCs, the Supreme Court, through its several judgments, applied such reservation in admissions into educational institutions, both run by the state and private institutions, aided and unaided. The aftermath of Mandal witnessed protests across the country. It is believed that about 200 students self-immolated in these protests, of which more than 60 succumbed to their injuries. The OBC reservation in employment was implemented in 1992 and reservations in educational institutions came into force in 2006.

Later, constitutional amendments gave legitimacy to reservations in promotional posts in the services. The result of such and other constitutional amendments is that both electoral politics and electoral outcomes in India are slowly but surely being determined by how each political party can reach out to the poor, the socially and educationally deprived and above all the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SCs and STs). Policies for the upliftment of the poor through affirmative action and implementation of the entitlements constitutionally guaranteed to the SEBCs as well as the SCs and STs are central to the success of our democratic polity. Yet within this lie the seeds of disruption.

By now we know, through a Parliamentary Panel Report on the welfare of OBCs (February 2019), that representation of OBCs in the posts and services in the Central government as on 1 March 2016 reflected poor occupancy. The 27% reservation for them was nowhere near being achieved.

The BJP, realising the significance of caste, started espousing the cause of the most backward classes among the OBCs with the intent of garnering their support in future electoral battles. The Rohini Commission found that amongst 6,000 castes and communities within the OBCs, 40 received 50% of reservation in the civil services. Close to 20% of the OBC communities did not get any benefit in this quota regime from 2014 to 2018. The reservation policy helped those who were economically more prosperous within the OBCs rather than the most backward amongst them. It is these most backward castes that are being wooed by the BJP.

> Caste is here to stay for a long time to come. It is better for political parties to accept the reality and deal with it than to say that they do not believe in caste-based politics. The genie of Mandal will continue to impact politics in the near future

With the 103rd Constitutional Amendment, the BJP constitutionally reserved 10% of the seats for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) over and above the reservation for the OBCs, and the SCs and STs. In so doing, the threshold of 50% constitutionally approved reservation in the Indra Sawhney case has been breached. If the Court upholds the 103rd Constitutional Amendment, the reservation policy will apply to employment to civil services of both the Union and the states, which means that the threshold of 50% would become 60%. The demand for a caste-based census is evidence of growing societal pressures as OBCs seek a larger share of the pie. There are several states where the present reservation policy already exceeds the threshold of 50%. The Supreme Court will face an unenviable task when it seeks to balance equities in pending challenges to the 103rd Amendment.

The rich and the privileged have unbridled access to the best educational institutions of this country. Schooling of their children gives them a head start over others. The poor SEBCs and the SCs and STs have hardly any access to quality school education. While the Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) provide opportunities for children of government employees and those employed in PSUs, the children of others are left far behind. Judgments of the Supreme Court are not going to remedy that situation.

The implementation of the reservation policy will still leave behind millions of children who will not be equipped to compete with those otherwise empowered and those who find themselves empowered by virtue of the reservation provided for constitutionally. In this context, the clamour for reservation will grow and parties will seek to navigate their political fortunes based on the discontent of those who find themselves outside the reservation loop.

The culprit is the state that has failed to provide quality education to our children. We need, therefore, to reassess the way we address issues of inclusion, which is at the heart of social justice. While the aspirations of the SEBCs, the SCs and STs and the EWS of society must be realised, those left out despite reservations must also be given their due. The task of the nation is to ensure that they too matter. To do that, we need a paradigm shift in the way we educate our young.

An empowered child will walk without crutches.

(Tweets @KapilSibal)

SOLVING INDIA'S INNOVATION PUZZLE

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The prime minister, in his recent interactions with technical institutions, has emphasised the need to prepare our youth for continuous disruptions and changes, keeping in mind the fourth industrial revolution. This builds on India's pre-commitment to usher in innovation at the ground level. Insights from behavioural economics can nudge Indian innovation, besides helping solve the Indian innovation puzzle. Here's how.

India's innovation puzzle, as highlighted in the recent Economic Survey 2020-21, refers to the under-performance of Indian firms (contributing 37% to the total gross expenditure on research and development in the country) as compared to its peers in other top 10 economies (average of 68%). This contributes to India performing lower than expected on innovation despite the country's firms having ample access to equity finance and more generous tax incentives than other countries.

At the firm level, first, a pre-commitment to innovate can help overcome an uncertainty aversion and promote long-term horizon for undertaking innovative R&D investment. For instance, Google employs a 70/20/10 model, whereby it pre-commits 70% projects to be dedicated to core business, 20% projects related to core business, and 10% unrelated to core business. This ensures that new innovations are allocated time, resources and opportunity to grow into future core business.

Second, establishing a social norm of innovation will be helpful. Google started the 20% project—allowing employees to use 20% of paid time for personal innovative projects. Such default "innovation time" for highly skilled and creative employees, and allowing opting-out, nudges employees to be creative without feeling forced into doing so.

Third, giving employees a platform to regularly discuss innovative ideas and collaborate can create an action bias in the minds of employees towards innovation. Welcoming and implementing new ideas can generate even more innovative behaviour from employees.

Fourth, firms can attract highly skilled and creative employees, minimise staff attrition, and boost efficiency by offering an exciting, fulfilling and comfortable work environment besides offering competitive pay packages. Highly coveted Silicon Valley employers are known to have office campuses catering to employees' social needs, making work spaces an extension of home environments. This creates an anchoring bias in the minds of employees, especially fresh recruits, in favour of these companies. Moreover, it nudges employees to spend more time at the workplace and augments the likelihood of creative collaborations.

> Economic theory highlights the critical role of technological progress in growth. Our country needs to boost innovation, especially by the business sector. Behavioural economics can help nudge Indian innovation

On the policy front, first, by strongly emphasising and publicising "Innovate India", a mental model can be created in the minds of Indians that innovation is essential to survive, and thrive, irrespective of any future challenges (including pandemics).

Second, companies can crowdsource solutions to some of their complex challenges and reward the best among them. Wider publicity of innovation awards given to companies, higher education institutions, practitioners and students, as well as their awarded innovations, may help capture public imagination further. This would emphasise the social norm to innovate, boosting further innovation.

Third, disclosing successful outcomes of Indian innovation, and reinforcing them repeatedly, can help overcome failure bias (which predisposes one to expect defeat) in the minds of people. For instance, India's successful development of an indigenous Covid vaccine and our manufacturing sector's successful scaling-up of production processes to emerge as the second largest supplier of PPE kits have saved millions of lives globally. These and other Indian innovation successes need to be publicised widely. This will make people believe in their ability to innovate and the value of such innovations, thereby creating a virtuous cycle.

Fourth, trying a default option to pursue one internship during college (including non-technical education) and giving credit for this practical training component can help students gain valuable work-experience, develop better understanding of real-world demands, exercise critical thinking and actively make curriculum choices to develop desired skills.

To sum up, economic theory highlights the critical role of technological progress in economic growth. India needs to boost innovation, especially by the business sector, to catapult itself on a higher growth trajectory towards becoming the third largest economy in current US$ terms as it is on PPP terms. Behavioural economics can help nudge Indian innovation.

(Views are personal)

MAILBAG

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Role models for youth

This is with reference to *Tough life lessons helped them crack UPSC* (Sep 26). Congratulations to Nimishi Tripathi, daughter of a forest guard and Anil Basak, son of a cloth hawker, for their success in the civil services examination. They are the real role models for our youth.

Pilli Rayappa SJ, Thiruvananthapuram

Match words with actions

This is with reference to *Modi targets China, Pak at UN* (Sep 26). The PM criticised China and Pakistan for indulging in expansionism and terrorism. This is an indisputable fact. But will it deter the rogue neighbours? China even has the gumption to thumb its nose at ICC rulings. Further, to highlight democracy in India, the PM cited his own humble background, but India's ranking on various parameters such as freedom of press show something different. In the eyes of the world's nations, India shall command respect only if its words articulated in the global forum are matched by actions back home.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

AP overhaul right move

This is with reference to *Cabinet rejig likely by Dasara* (Sep 26). The Andhra Pradesh CM has taken the right decision. This mid-term overhaul of the Cabinet must be done taking a holistic approach of performance by the ministers, targets achieved, public perception about the individual minister and last but not the least the age.

K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Too many parties

As per the latest EC data, a staggering 500 new political parties have been registered in two-and-a-half years. Now the country has over 2,500 parties (Sep 26). Apart from a few national-level parties, most of the others are formed based on region, caste, language, etc. The EC should incorporate stringent provisions to discourage formation of new parties.

S Ravindranath, Bengaluru

Entrance exams & the poor

In tune with its poll promise of repealing NEET, the DMK government in Tamil Nadu has recently passed a Bill in the Assembly, exempting the state from this entrance examination (*A K Rajan case against entrance tests*, Sep 25). There is little doubt that NEET favours a certain section of society, and its admission data establishes the fact that it places students from marginalised backgrounds at a significant disadvantage. In fact, debates are going on in Western countries over whether standardised tests like SAT should be used at all in deciding college admissions.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Parental pressure

This is with reference to *Ensure at least next generation is happy* (Sep 26). Parental pressure paves the way for an unhealthy society. The responsibility of every parent is to bring up their child as a happy human being. This would be a panacea for many of the woes of society.

K Indirapriya, Kanchipuram

Equip them instead

The government and parties should not give any compensation for loss of life due to suicides. We, the public, politicians and parents, should instead encourage our children and equip them to crack the exams.

Indra Getzy David, Tirunelveli

Correct any distortions

This is with reference to the opinion article *The perils of selective memory* (Sep 26). The concerns expressed by the author over the rewriting of Indian history are quite unfounded. Indian culture is inclusive and the fear of parochialism is without merit. Whatever distortions are present in the history currently being taught should be corrected.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
Why was Bengal CM prevented by Home Ministry from attending an international conference in Rome? Which law prevented her going?

Mayawati @Mayawati
Farmers dissatisfied with the agri laws made by the Centre & demanding its return, called for a Bharat Bandh tomorrow. BSP's support for peaceful event.

Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala
Its an assault on India's 'federal structure' by Modi govt. When cooperatives is a 'State Subject', how can GOI intervene? This undermines the Constitution.

CMs Naveen Patnaik, Uddhav Thackeray, K Chandrashekar Rao and Shivraj Singh Chouhan at the LWE meeting on Sunday | PTI

Govt looks to choke LWE funding; 1-yr plan in focus

Shah says fight against Maoists needs to be accelerated, decisive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

UNION home minister Amit Shah urged the chief ministers of Naxal-affected states to give priority to the menace for next one year so that a permanent solution could be evolved.

It is very important to neutralize the sources of income of the Left Wing Extremists, Shah said at a review meeting which was attened by chief ministers Naveen Patnaik (Odisha), K Chandrashekar Rao (Telangana), Nitish Kumar (Bihar), Shivraj Singh Chouhan (MP), Uddhav Thackeray (Maharashtra) and Hemant Soren (Jharkhand).

Shah urged these states that the Chief Secretaries should hold a review meeting with the DGPs and officers of central agencies at least every three months to deal with LWE. If a regular review is done at the level of Chief Minister, Chief Secretary and DGP, he said, then the problems of coordination at the lower level will automatically get resolved.

VIOLENCE DOWN

Incidents of LWE violence are down by 70% from an all-time high of 2,258 in 2009 to 665 in 2020. Deaths are down by 82% from 1,005 in 2010 to 183 in 2020.

The fight against the problem, which has claimed the lives of more than 16,000 civilians in the last 40 years, has now reached its end, he said, adding that it needs to be accelerated and made decisive.

"We all know that unless we get rid of the problem of Left Wing Extremism completely, the full development of the country and the states affected by it is not possible," Shah was quoted as saying in a government statement.

The home minister said it was very important to neutralise the sources of LWE income. For this, he advised, the agencies of both central and state governments to stymie it by making a system together.

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik urged the Centre to conduct a study on how many children from Naxal-hit regions succeed in national-level examinations like NEET and JEE.

Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren claimed that presence of hardcore extremists was limited to only four regions in his state. He also raised issues such as the Centre's contribution to the development of tribal areas and requested extension of the Special Central Assistance fund for LWE districts.

Modi attends 20 meetings during US trip

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-day trip to the US was packed with meetings as he attended 20 of them during the around 65 hours he spent in the country, government sources said.

He also had four meetings in flights with officials on the way to and back from the US, they added. Modi had two meetings in flight on Wednesday on the way to the US and three in the hotel upon his arrival, they said.

On September 23, he had five meetings with as many CEOs followed by talks with US Vice President Kamala Harris and bilateral interactions with his Japanese and Australian counterparts , respectively. He also chaired three internal meetings. He had a bilateral meeting with US President Joe Biden the next day and attended the Quad meet. Sources said Modi also held four internal meetings on September 24. *PTI*

National Health Mission's countrywide launch today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

AN ambitious programme to create a unique health ID, that will also work as a health account, for every Indian citizen is set to be launched on Monday by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Modi had first announced the PM-Digital Health Mission during his Independence Day speech in 2020 after which it was soft launched in six Union Territories, barring Delhi, on a pilot basis.

The government said that the scheme's nationwide rollout coincides with the National Health Authority celebrating the third anniversary of the Centre's ambitious Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

As per the Union health ministry, based on the foundations laid down in the form of Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and mobile trinity and other digital initiatives, PM-Digital Health Mission was pitched to create a seamless online platform through the provision of a wide-range of data, information and infrastructure services, duly leveraging open, interoperable, standards-based digital systems.

It will ensure the security, confidentiality and privacy of health-related personal information, said a statement, adding that the mission will enable access and exchange of longitudinal health records of citizens with their consent.

The key components include a health ID for every citizen that will also work as their health account, to which personal health records can be linked and viewed with the help of a mobile application.

It will also have a registry of healthcare professionals and facilities registries that will act as a repository of all healthcare providers across both modern and traditional systems of medicine. This will ensure ease of doing business for doctors, hospitals and healthcare service providers, the ministry has claimed.

Created as a part of the mission, PM-Digital Health Mission sandbox was slated to act as a framework for technology and product testing that will help organisations, including private players, intending to be a part of national digital health ecosystem become a health information provider or health information user or efficiently link with building blocks of the scheme

This mission will create interoperability within the digital health ecosystem, similar to the role played by the unified payments interface in revolutionising payments, the government has claimed, while citizens will only be a click-away from accessing healthcare facilities.

New Congress chief unlikely till end of next year

RICHA SHARMA @New Delhi

CONGRESS president **Sonia Gandhi** is likely to continue till the end of next year with the leadership issue on backburner for now as the party is focusing now on restructuring of state units, organisational revamp and improving electoral fortunes in the upcoming Assembly elections.

After the presidential election was deferred multiple times, the party in June said that it is being temporarily deferred for 2-3 months. But party sources said that there is no hurry to settle leadership issues for the time being and a new chief is likely to be elected after the elections in seven states are over by the end of 2022.

As per the party constitution, the term of new Congress president will end in 2022 after a tenure of five years.

"The party's performance in elections would boost the chances of the return of Rahul Gandhi as party chief, if he wants to take over the reins. The focus is to revamp the state units before organisational restructuring keeping an eye on 2024 general elections," said a senior leader. "This impact of changes will be a testing ground during assembly elections and that is why we have seen some proactive decisions by the leadership."

The demand for a full-time party chief is pending since Rahul Gandhi quit as the party chief post 2019 Lok Sabha elections and delay could further unsettle some veterans. "Rahul has been taking all the decisions along with Priyanka. Then what is stopping him from officially taking over from Sonia? This sends the wrong message to the entire party and demoralises party workers," said a leader from the dissident group which has repeatedly raked up issues related to leadership vacuum at the top.

While the state units are expected to see elevation of several young leaders at prominent posts, the party is looking to induct at least a dozen of young faces, including former JNUSU president Kanhaiya Kumar and independent Gujarat MLA Jigesh Mevani, in coming days, who could work at national level. Getting poll strategist Prashant Kishor is also the party's strategy for the 2024 elections.

DISTRIBUTION OF CANCER ACCORDING TO FIVE-YEAR AGE GROUP

BOYS			GIRLS	
Age group	Number	Proportion (%)	Number	Proportion (%)
00-04	5,262	24.1	3,240	27
05-09	5,212	23.9	2,646	22
10-14	5,075	23.2	2,833	23.6
15-19	6,296	28.8	3,294	27.4

Cancer in kids rising, leukaemia rampant

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

THE instances of childhood cancer may be increasing in India, with more boys-as compared to girls, falling prey to it, a report prepared by the ICMR suggested.

The report 'Clinicopathological profile of cancers in India, 2021' is based on a total of 13,32,207 cancer cases were registered from 96 hospitals under the National Cancer Registry Programme during 2012-19. Of these, 6,10,084 cases were analysed showing that cancers in those aged 0-14 years comprised nearly 8 % of all the cases during the seven-year period. Between 2012 and 14, the share of Under-15 was less than 5 %.

Leukaemia accounted for nearly half of all the childhood cancers in both genders in the 0-14 age group. While the other common childhood cancer in boys was lymphoma, malignant bone tumour reported widely in girls. Also, close to 70 % of the kidney cancer cases were reported in the age group of 0-4 years and over one third of cancers of the brain and nervous system were reported in the age group of 5-9 years.

Overall for all age groups, the cancers associated with tobacco use comprised 48.7 % of cases among males and 16.5 % among females. Cancers of head and neck region accounted for one third of all cases.

Chemotherapy was the most typical treatment modality regardless of the clinical extent of disease at the presentation.

Last year, nearly 14 lakh new cases were detected in the country, marking a rise of about 16 %as compared to the 2018 figures.

Sacrilege cases a worry for Channi

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

Channi (red turban) has said it was his priority to bring the culprits to book | PTI

ONE of the key reasons for the unceremonious exit of Amarinder Singh as CM was his inability to satisfy his party about his government's action in the sacrilege incidents, six years after they took place under the SAD-BJP dispensation in Punjab.

The Chanranjit Singh Channi-led government is under watch by sections across all parties in Punjab. The main opposition, the AAP, is particularly aggressive and has demanded the new government set a deadline to deliver justice in these cases. The SAD has dared the Congress government to show "proof" of its involvement in such cases. The Amarinder Singh government had early this year come under fire as the High Court directed it to reconstitute the special investigating team, without IPS officer Kunwar Vijay Partap Singh, in the sacrilege cases.

The Amarinder government had then set up two SITs to investigate the sacrilege and police firing cases. These SITs are running against time as the election code of conduct is expected mid-December.

The sacrilege case had spelt doom for the SAD-BJP government in 2017. The cases go back to October 14, 2015, when the police opened fire on a crowd in Bargiri village protesting 'sacrilege' in Kotkapura, killing two persons. The incident acquired the centre stage of politics in the last assembly as well as the 2019 LS polls.

The SAD and AAP had attacked the state government for the shoddy probe. Navjot Singh Sidhu, who is now the state Congress chief, had hit out at his own party for "not presenting the facts" in the case. Amarinder had resigned on September 19 after a four-month open feud with Sidhu who was supported by four ministers — Channi included — in the Captain's team.

The day he resigned, Amarinder wrote to party chief Sonia Gandhi had informed her that he was taking action in the case. He asserted that despite legal hurdles and "refusal" by the CBI to take up the cases transferred to them by the SAD-BJP government, his government had succeeded in filing 10 *challans*. Fifteen police personnel were suspended and 10 civilians arrested. "The criminal proceedings are currently underway and I am sure that in due course, justice will be done," Amarinder wrote.

Channi, while on a visit to the Golden Temple, had said his government's priority would be to bring to justice the perpetrators of the crime.

"I don't see any culprit being punished in the coming months," says political analyst Prof Kuldeep Singh pointing to the lack of time for a tangible government action.

PUNJAB

Five dropped ministers faced graft allegations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chandigarh

THE five ministers in the Amarinder Singh Cabinet who were dropped by Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi have been facing allegations of irregularities or non-performance.

In the last couple of days, Channi visited Delhi twice to meet the Congress high command for finalising the names of his ministers. Subsequently, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, Sunder Shyam Arora, Rana Gurmeet Sodhi, Balbir Singh Sidhu and Gurpreet Kangar were not given another chance to continue as ministers.

Sodhi had organised a dinner, which 58 MLAs attended, at his official residence in show of strength of the Amarinder camp. Former PCC chief Sunil Jakhar was instrumental in getting Sodhi dropped from the Cabinet. In a land acquisition case, the PWD department has filed a recovery suit against Sodhi and his family.

Dharamsot faced allegations of irregularities in the post matric SC scholarship. All opposition parties had demanded action against him. Sidhu, the then health minister was under scanner after the Covid pandemic broke out. Meanwhile, Arora, who was the industries minister, faced allegation of irregularities in the sale of 30 acre of industrial plot in Mohali.

Hours before the swearing-in ceremony, Sidhu and Kangar held a joint news conference where they questioned the decision to drop them. "I want to ask the party high command what is my fault and why I was excluded. They should have asked for my resignation and I would have given it happily. People of my area are disappointed. I am not upset with losing my ministry. I have no greed for power. But I want ask what was the need to humiliate us?" Sidhu asked before he broke down. He said that he was punished despite performing in the pandemic.

Kangar, who was the revenue minister, said he digitised entire record in the department and added that earlier when he was the power minister, he was always available to the people.

Ensure none left without Covid vaccination in festival season: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday called upon people to follow the Covid protocol during the festival season and ensure that no one is left out without vaccination.

In his monthly '*Mann Ki Baat*' radio address, Modi said that Team India is making new records everyday in this fight with regards to vaccination, the country has made many such records which are being talked about the world over. "The whole country is also going to celebrate the festival of the victory truth by Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram. But during this festival we have to remember about one more fight — that is the country's fight against Corona. Every Indian has an important role in this fight."

POSITIVITY RATE DOWN

Daily positivity rate was 1.90 per cent. It is less than 3 per cent for last 27 days. Weekly positivity rate was 1.98 per cent. It is below 3 per cent for the last 93 days

"We also have to take care that no one is left out of this circle of safety. Those around you who have not got vaccinated also have to be taken to the vaccine center. Even after getting vaccinated, the necessary protocol has to be followed," the PM said, urging people to get vaccinated when their turn comes.

He also stressed the importance of conservation of rivers and their importance in Indian tradition and cultures. "In order to rejuvenate rivers; in order to cleanse waters, the government and social service organizations keep undertaking one endeavour or the other. And this is not about the present day; it has been going on for decades now. There are some people who have dedicated themselves to these causes. And it is this very tradition, this very endeavour, this very faith that has saved our rivers," he added.

COVID TRACKER

3,03,476 Active cases in India

2,034 Increase in active cases

56,32,000 Tests on Saturday

1.33% Case fatality rate

1.90% Daily positivity rate

97.77% National recovery rate

Source: Union Health Ministry

Kisan Morcha calls for peaceful bandh, seeks support from people

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

A day before the Bharat Bandh called by it on September 27, the day the three contentious farm laws came into force last year, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha appealed for complete peace and urged all Indians to join the strike while police in Delhi, Haryana and UP ramped up security arrangements.

"It is a day to express support to the *annadatas* (farmers) of the country, the ones who keep all Indians alive," it said.

Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait said the farmers protesting for the last 10 months were ready to agitate for 10 years, but would not allow the 'black' legislations to be implemented. All emergency establishments and essential services, will be exempted, the Morcha said.

Farmers rest in pits during a protest against farm laws in Ghaziabad | PTI

Many non-BJP parties, including the Congress and the Left, have backed the bandh call. The Congress on Sunday asked all its workers, state unit chiefs and heads of frontal organisations to join the bandh. "We believe in the rights of our farmers and we will stand by them in their fight against the black farm laws," said Congress general secretary K C Venugopal. BSP supremo Mayawati also tweeted on Sunday supporting the bandh.

The Haryana Police and civil administration have made elaborate arrangements to maintain public peace and order, prevent any kind of violence and to facilitate the functioning of traffic and public transport systems across the state.

MARS ORBITER

India's Mars Orbiter spacecraft has completed 7 years, well beyond its designed mission life of six months. Launched on Nov 5, 2013, the probe was successfully inserted into Martian orbit in its first attempt.

1 TIGER FOUND DEAD IN UP'S DUDHWA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	33	29	Mumbai	31	25
Bhopal	30	22	Panaji	30	24
Jaipur	33	25	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	33	25	Lucknow	35	24
Chennai	36	27	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	32	27	Imphal	30	21
Srinagar	29	13	Chandigarh	34	26

Two LeT men involved in killing BJP leader & 2 kin shot dead in Kashmir

Encounter as duo declined to surrender; their two foreign accomplices were killed earlier

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

TWO local militants of Lashkar-e-Toiba, who were involved in the killing of BJP leader Wasim Bari, his father and brother in July last year, were killed in an encounter with security forces in north Kashmir''s Bandipora district on Sunday.

A police official said that on Saturday evening, police, CRPF and army men launched a combing and search operation in Watrina village of Bandipora district after receiving inputs about the presence of militants there. He said that after zeroing-in on the area where militants were hiding, the security men made repeated appeals to militants to lay down their weapons and surrender.

"However, the militants turned down the offer and fired from automatic weapons towards the security men in the early hours on Sunday," the police official said. He said in the ensuing gunfight, two Lashkar militants were killed.

The deceased militants were identified as Azad Ahmad Shah and Abid Rashid Dar alias Haqani, both belonging to the LeT. "Abid was a Pakistani-trained militant, who had crossed over the Wagah border in 2018 and infiltrated back in 2019," the official said.

According to police, both the militants were involved in the killing of BJP leader Wasim Bari, his father and brother in Bandipora in July 2020.

"The two along with foreign militants Usman and Sajad alias Haider were involved in the killing of Bari. Usman and Sajad were killed in an encounter in Baramulla on August 17, 2020," the police official said.

He said now all the four militants involved in killing of BJP leader and his family members have been eliminated. Both the LeT militants killed on Sunday were involved in planning and executing militant attacks on security establishments.

> **Both the LeT militants killed on Sunday were involved in executing militant attacks on security establishments. Abid was instrumental in recruiting youths into militant ranks of LeT** — A police official

'Tribal court' orders kin to hand over girl or pay ₹2 lakh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

KANGAROO courts run by caste/tribal panchayats have raised their ugly head again in Madhya Pradesh. The latest case has been reported from tribal-dominated Betul district, where the parents of a 19-year-old Korku tribal girl have been ordered by their tribe's panchayat to pay ₹2 lakh to a Kerala-based contractor or hand over their daughter to him.

The girl who had went along with relatives and other villagers to Kerala for job some weeks back was allegedly put in confinement by the same contractor and he also sexually exploited her, the girl's relatives alleged.

It was with her brother's help that the girl had managed to escape from Kerala and return to Betul.

But on Tuesday, the same contractor reached the girl's village and alleged before a tribe panchayat that the girl's parents had taken ₹2 lakh from him in return for their daughter, but they were not letting her to go with him.

The girl's mother alleged that she and her husband were not allowed to tell their side of the story before the panchayat. "We've have sent her to our relative's place in another village. We haven't taken even a single rupee from him," she said.

The girl's brother said it's quite possible that the villagers with whom she went to Kerala might have taken money from the contractor. On Saturday, the girl's family filed a complaint with the Betul police. Officials said a probe had been started .

STORMING SRINAGAR SKIES

After 13 years, IAF conducted an air show in Srinagar on Sunday which was viewed by more than 3,000 people. It was held as part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' marking the 75th Independence of India

With the event, coined as Give Wings to Your Dreams Air Show, the Indian Air Force hopes to enthuse and inspire the Valley youth to opt for the field. The last air show in Srinagar was held in 2008

While the IAF skydiving team Akashganga enthralled the audience by jumping from a Mi-17 helicopter, the manoeuvres by Chinook heavy-lift helicopters (in picture) culminated the air show | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

HC stays auction of non-coal mines under new Act, big industries relieved

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

IN a major relief to mineral industries, the Chhattisgarh High Court has stayed the third-party leasing of non-coal mining blocks as per the Mines and Minerals Development (Amendment) Bill 2021 enacted by the Union government.

The court after taking note of the issue in one such mine at Dantewada said that no third-party rights could be created on the given mines till the writ petition was disposed off.

Major industries based in Chhattisgarh such as Jindal Steel and Power Limited (JSPL), Jayaswal Neco and others had approached the high court challenging the constitutionality of the Act, which proposes to open up for auction 572 inactive non-coal blocks allocated earlier across the country. The new Amendment was seen as a blow to the industries, which claimed to have made massive investments in the state.

A division bench of Chhattisgarh high court has stayed any fresh auction of such mines till further order.

The petitioners claimed that after securing mining licence years ago, they had planned their investment in difficult areas where the mining operation itself remains challenging.

Senior counsel of the JSPL, Vivek Tankha argued that the Mines and Minerals Development (Amendment) Act 2021 was ultra vires and the 'Notice Inviting Tender' issued based on it was also not sustainable.

The court has scheduled the next hearing on the plea of the industries on October 6, 2021.

While introducing the Bill in Lok Sabha in March this year, Union Minister of Mines Pralhad Joshi had said that with the removal of the provision of 10A (2) (b) through the amendment, as many as 572 non-coal mining blocks would be brought under auction.

BJP FEARS DENT IN NON-BENGALI VOTES IN 'DIDI VS DIDI' BATTLE

PRANAB MONDAL @Bhowanipore

IT was a weekend morning and a group of around 20 middle-aged men, sitting in front of a tea-stall near Northern Park in Bhowanipore, was constantly fiddling with their mobile phones and sharing WhatsApp messages. The men, belonging to non-Bengali speaking community, which is said to be the BJP's main votebank, were not sharing jokes or any other content. Instead, all messages were related to one subject: Whom to support, TMC's Mamata or BJP's Priyanka?

The apparent confusion about voting preference among non-Bengali electorate in Bhowanipore assembly constituency, which supported the BJP en bloc in the recent assembly elections, has raised concerns in the saffron camp and brought smiles on the faces of TMC functionaries.

"It is a fact that the non-Bengali community has been divided into two factions. One wants to support the BJP while the other prefers to gather behind Mamata because her party has returned to power. Besides, the BJP also failed to retain its legislative strength that it had secured in the assembly polls," said Vikram Mehta, whose grandfather had arrived here from Gujarat decades ago.

Mehta was not hesitant to disclose that he was suggesting others of his community to vote for Mamata by sharing WhatsApp messages.

Bhowanipore is all set to witness a high-voltage by-election of recent times in Bengal's electoral history on September 30. Mamata is the first chief minister of Bengal who is to face a by-election to retain her position. Though other political parties have fielded candidates, like the assembly polls, it is a battle between the TMC and its arch rival BJP.

TNIE @ GROUND ZERO

Those who do not speak Bengali form around 40 per cent of the total electorate in Bhowanipore. Though the BJP is expecting the support of this section, the ground scenario doesn't second their expectations.

"Why would we vote for the BJP? Many of us voted for the BJP because there was a perception that it would get power in Bengal. But the election results were far from it. Now a good chunk of non-Bengali voters have decided to support Mamata and they are also convincing others by sending messages on social media," said homemaker Rekha Mehta.

Meanwhile, BJP candidate and young lawyer Priyanka Tibrewal appeared confident of bagging the support of non-Bengali voters. "People of Bhwanipore, irrespective of what language they speak, will support me," she said.

Though the BJP has engaged its national leadership for poll-campaign in Bhowanipore, the saffron camp, sensing dent on its non-Bengali votebank, has chalked out a strategy to 'hijack' Mamata's popular '*Didi* image'. In the poll-related posters and graffiti, Priyanka is not mentioning her surname but portraying herself as 'Priyanka *Didi*'.

"This is to woo the Bengali voters. We adopted the strategy to give an impression that it is a *Didi vs Didi* battle," said a BJP leader.

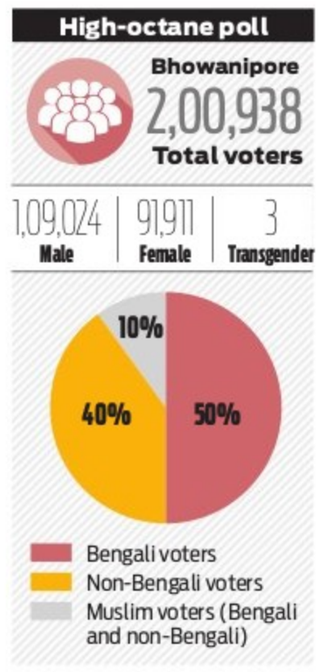
The walls along a narrow lane in Bhowanipore's Ekbalpore area, a Muslim dominated- pocket, was completely covered with poll graffiti displaying Mamata's photos, her favourite slogan *khele hobe* and a new campaign-line Bhowanipore *nijer meyeke chay* (Bhowanipore wants their own daughter).

A cluster of youths standing in front of a tea-stall in the area was confident that there would be no re-run of Nandigram. "There is no hurdle on the path of *Didi*'s victory. This pocket has been loyal to her since the 2011 assembly elections," said Mohammad Samad of Ekbalpore, a stronghold of TMC.

Meanwhile, the Bengal CM's speech in her poll campaigns reflects desperation to bag victory in the by-poll. "Every single vote is important to me. If you want to me see as the CM, don't waste your vote," Mamata continues to say in her campaigns.

While the saffron camp claimed that "Mamata is under pressure", the TMC side rubbished it.

While Mamata's speeches reflect her desperation to win, the BJP is trying to 'hijack' her 'Didi image' by projecting its candidate as 'Priyanka Didi' | SAYANTAN GHOSH



'Bluetooth slippers' fail security test during Rajasthan recruitment exam

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

RAJASTHAN heaved a huge sigh of relief as the high-profile Rajasthan Eligibility Exam for Teachers (REET) passed off without any serious mishap on Sunday.

With 70,000 policemen on duty and internet services snapped in most parts of the state to counter cheating threats, the examination was conducted successfully in two shifts. However, there were some copycats who tried to cheat with 'Bluetooth chappals'. Five persons, three of them candidates, were arrested before the exam in Bikaner as they were found wearing slippers (chappals) with bluetooth devices fitted inside the sole. Bikaner SP Priti Chandra said two of them, identified as Madan Lal and Trilokchand, were gang members who provided the slippers to candidates or their relatives for ₹6 lakh.

Based on the information of the gang members, police in other districts, including Sikar, Pratapgarh and Ajmer, were alerted. Seven others were also arrested from different places.

Organising the REET had become a challenge for the Ashok Gehlot government. Though there were a few minor incidents of cheating reported, over 16.5 lakh candidates took the REET at 3,993 exam centres across all 33 districts for recruitment of 31,000 teachers in state government schools. The exam had been postponed five times in the past.

Apart from police, over 5,500 home guards and 50 companies of RAC, MBC, SDRF and other armed forces were deployed to prevent any mishaps in the REET, which had often led to massive cheating in the past. CCTV cameras were installed at most of the examination centers. Tight security was especially maintained at the centers in Barmer, Sawai Madhopur, Karauli, Dausa, Nagaur, Sikar, Bharatpur, Jhunjhunu and Jalore, which had witnessed major cheating rackets in the past.

A security personnel cuts the sleeve of a candidate's cloth for security purposes during the Rajasthan Eligibility Exam for Teachers in Ajmer on Sunday | PTI

EXPRESS READ

3 boys drown, 1 missing in Brahmaputra river

Guwahati: Four school friends from Guwahati on Sunday went out to take bath in the Brahmaputra but three of them met their watery graves while the fourth was missing. None of them knew swimming. The bodies of Abhinash Das, Jeet Das and Doyal Sheikh were fished out from near the mishap site. The NDRF and the SDRF were conducting searches for the fourth boy. The families said they had no idea about the children's plan.

Kashmir Univ resumes classes in 'blended mode'

The University of Kashmir has ordered that the classes for all semesters, including the fresh batch of 2021, in the main and satellite campuses shall commence from October 1, 2021, in a blended mode (offline-online). The number of students to be called for offline class shall be under the purview of the respective Heads of the Departments/Directors keeping in view the capacity of class room, social distancing and other Covid SoPs. The adherence to SoPs notified by the government will be mandatory. Only those students who have taken both the Covid vaccines shall be allowed in the classrooms.

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Employees told to follow grievance-redressal channel

The J&K administration has warned the government employees in the Union Territory against bypassing the proper channel for redressing their grievances pertaining to service matters. "It has been observed that some officials working in various government departments are bypassing proper channels and approaching higher offices namely that of President's Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat and the Office of the Chief Secretary for redressal of grievances pertaining to service matters," reads a government order. It said these acts, being in violation of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Conduct Rules, 1956, have been viewed seriously by the authorities. The government has asked all the employees to desist from approaching such offices.

Srinagar-Sharjah flights will start soon

The flights between Srinagar and Sharjah in the UAE will start soon, according to J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha. He said Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia and the J&K government had agreed to start the first international flight between Srinagar and Sharjah soon. Two new airport terminals will also be established in Jammu and Kashmir. An airport terminal worth `1,500 crore will be established in Kashmir while another airport terminal worth `650 crore will be established in Jammu.

Amarnath board to refund fee to yatris

The Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) has announced that the pilgrims who had registered for the Amarnath Yatra-2021 could get a refund of their registration fee. The registration fee of the pilgrims, who had registered for Yatra 2021 through various banks shall be refunded between October 1 and 31. Those who want to get their fee refunded, have been directed to approach the branch which had issued the yatra permit. The shrine board has also kept the option of revalidating the yatra permit for 2022. For this purpose, pilgrims have been told to keep their permit form intact.

3 killed when a US train derailed Saturday afternoon in northern Montana

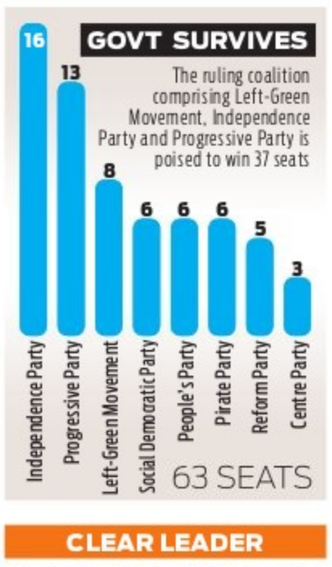
GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	22	15	HR	Los Angeles	30	17	SNY
Colombo	29	26	TDS	Melbourne	13	7	LR
Dhaka	30	26	TDS	Moscow	6	5	LR
Dubai	40	31	SNY	New York	25	18	SNY
Houston	38	25	SNY	Singapore	31	27	LC
Istanbul	30	20	SNY	Toronto	22	19	LC
London	20	10	LC	Washington	27	18	LC

Women bag majority in Iceland parliament

Win 54% seats; first-ever national legislature in Europe to have more women than men



CLEAR LEADER

Proportion of seats held by women in national legislatures of Europe

Iceland: 52%	Portugal: 40%
Sweden: 47%	Italy: 36%
France: 40%	UK: 34%
Denmark: 40%	Germany: 31%
Belarus: 40%	

Source: World Bank

REYKJAVIK

ICELAND on Sunday became the first country in Europe to have more women than men in parliament, a day after a general election that left the future of the left-right coalition in doubt despite winning a clear majority of seats.

Of the 63 seats in the Althing parliament, 33 were won by women, or 52 per cent, projections based on the final results showed on Sunday.

No other European country has had more than 50 per cent women lawmakers, with Sweden coming closest at 47 per cent, according to data compiled by the World Bank.

Five other countries in the world currently have parliaments where women hold at least half the seats, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union: Rwanda (61 per cent), Cuba (53 per cent), Nicaragua (51 percent) and Mexico and the United Arab Emirates (50 per cent).

Iceland's Prime Minister Katrín Jakobsdottir (R) leaves a polling station after voting in capital city Reykjavik | AFP

Unlike some other countries, Iceland does not have legal quotas on female representation in parliament, though some parties do require a minimum number of candidates be women.

The Nordic country has long been a pioneer in gender equality and women's rights, and has topped the World Economic Forum's ranking of most egalitarian countries for the past 12 years. Iceland was the first country to elect a woman as president in 1980.

"I am 85, I've waited all my life for women to be in a majority... I am really happy," Erdna, a Reykjavik resident, told AFP.

While Prime Minister Katrin Jakobsdottir's left-right coalition won a majority in Saturday's vote, it remained to be seen whether the three parties would continue to govern together. The coalition has brought Iceland four years of stability after a decade of political crises, but Jakobsdottir's Left-Green Movement emerged weakened after losing ground to its right-wing partners, which both posted strong showings.

The Left-Green Movement, the conservative Independence Party and the centre-right Progressive Party together won 37 of 63 seats in parliament, up from the 33 they held before the vote.

However, the Left-Green Movement itself won only eight seats, three fewer than in 2017, raising questions about Jakobsdottir's future as prime minister.

The largest party remained the Independence Party, whose leader Bjarni Benediktsson -- the current finance minister and a former prime minister -- is eyeing Jakobsdottir's job.

ASIA MATTERS

Eight terrorists arrested in Pakistan's Punjab

Pakistan: Eight terrorists belonging to four organisations, including IS and TTP, have been arrested from Pakistan's Punjab province, police said. In the wake of the recent wave of terror activities across Pakistan, particularly target killing of police, the Counter Terrorism Department conducted intelligence-based operations in the province during the last one week and interrogated 40 terror suspects, they said. Of the 40 suspects, eight have been arrested.

Priority is to control pandemic: Singapore FM

Singapore: Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs Vivian Balakrishnan said on Sunday that the first priority for the city state is to bring the pandemic under control. "For a start, we've got to settle mutual recognition of health certificates, vaccine certificates, that's in a sense making sure our digital systems, our ability to verify records, are in place," Straits Times quoted Dr Balakrishnan as saying.

Patients evacuated from flooded hospital

Thailand : As many as 40 patients were evacuated from Bamnet Narong Hospital in Chaiyaphum after it was flooded on Sunday. Heavy rains have lashed the town since Saturday night in the wake of the tropical depression Dianmu. Though Chaiyaphum is the worst hit, dozens of other provinces in the country have also been affected. "All patients have been evacuated. All doctors, staff, and patients are safe," the Hook 31 rescue unit posted on Facebook.

SWISS VOTERS BACK SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

GENEVA

CLOSE to two-thirds of voters in Switzerland have approved the government's plan to introduce same-sex marriage, according to the first projections following Sunday's referendum, which was triggered by opponents of the move.

Market researchers GFS Bern — who conducted the main polling throughout the campaign — projected that 64 per cent of voters backed the "marriage for all" proposals, which would bring the Alpine nation into line with most of western Europe. The polling stations closed at noon (1000 GMT), with the full results expected to follow within hours. Switzerland decriminalised homosexuality in 1942, however, numerous local and regional police forces continued to keep "gay registers", some well into the early 1990s.

Same-sex couples can already register a civil partnership, with around 700 such partnerships established each year.

However, this status does not provide the same rights as marriage, including for obtaining citizenship and the joint adoption of children. After years of debate and discussion, the Swiss parliament approved a bill last December allowing same-sex couples to marry in the country of 8.6 million people. But it was challenged under Switzerland's direct democracy system, with opponents gathering the 50,000 signatures needed to put the issue to a referendum. The government and parliament urged voters to back "marriage for all", in order to eliminate the "unequal treatment" between heterosexual and gay couples. Opinion polling during the campaign showed that members of some Christian congregations and supporters of the right-wing populist Swiss People's Party (SVP)—Switzerland's largest political party—were the most likely to oppose legalising same-sex marriage.

Supporters of same-sex marriage pose for a picture in Bern on Sunday | AFP

The law change will allow same-sex couples to marry in civil ceremonies, and provide them with the same rights as other married couples.

Foreign spouses will become eligible to apply for citizenship through a simplified procedure, and same-sex couples will be permitted to jointly adopt.

And, in what proved the most controversial aspect of the referendum campaign, lesbian couples will have access to sperm donations. *AFP*

Four Palestinians killed in Israeli raid in W Bank

JERUSALEM

An Israeli operation to dismantle a Hamas Islamist cell in the West Bank sparked fierce gun battles at multiple locations on Sunday, killing four Palestinians, Israel's army and Palestinian official sources said.The Palestinian health ministry confirmed a total of four deaths from Israeli gunfire, including one in Burqin near Jenin and three more in Bidu, an area comprising several villages between Ramallah and Jerusalem.

An AFP photographer reported seeing heavy blood stains in the village of Beit Annan, in the Bidu area.

Israeli army spokesman Amnon Shefler gave the same toll to AFP, adding that the fatalities were Hamas fighters killed during a joint Israeli operation to apprehend "terrorists."

"The security forces took action overnight in Judea and Samaria against Hamas terrorists who were about to carry out terrorist attacks in real-time," said Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, referencing the biblical names used widely in Israel for the occupied West Bank.

Hamas confirmed its fighters had clashed with Israeli forces near Jerusalem and Jenin and confirmed that at least one its members, Ahmad Zahran, was among those killed.

Islamic Jihad, another Islamist militant group, issued a statement identifying Osama Soboh as one of its "martyrs" who died in Burqin, praising his "heroism".

Shefler said the operation targeting the Hamas cell —involving the army and the Shin Bet domestic security agency —began before midnight Saturday with an arrest near Jenin that did not result in clashes.

But he said "gunfire erupted" when Israeli forces descended on Burqin early on Sunday to make an additional arrest, with a further exchange of fire in Bidu later Sunday.

Agencies

AIR TRAVEL

Taliban urge foreign airlines to resume flights to Kabul

KABUL

THE Taliban urged international airlines on Sunday to resume flights to Kabul, saying all technical issues at the country's main airport have been resolved. Facilities at Kabul airport were badly damaged in the chaotic evacuation of more than 1,20,000 people that ended August 30 with the withdrawal of the last US troops. Since then only charter flights have been operating, although Pakistan International Airlines Iran's Mahan Air and Afghanistan's Kam Air have run a limited number of special flights.

The international community is keen to hold the Taliban to their word that they will allow anyone to leave the country once commercial flights resume. At present airlines such as PIA and Kam Air are charging more than $1,200 for a one-way, 40-minute flight from Kabul to Islamabad. Even at that price–the result of war insurance, according to the airlines—the irregular flights are heavily oversubscribed. Abdul Qahar Balkhi, spokesman for the ministry of foreign affairs, said the Taliban hoped proper commercial services would resume shortly. *AFP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that my clients **KOUSHAL VADODARIYA & DHAWAL VADODARIYA children of Haresh Kumar,** both residing in a rented premises at **House Katha No.143/8, Site No.24, 12th Cross, 10th Main, Parkia Street, Nisarga Colony, Horamavu Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk** have entered into a registered agreement of sale dated 17/09/2021 to purchase Residential house property bearing Site **No.24, House List Katha No.143/8, New Katha No.440, Formed in Property No.103/4, situated at 12th Cross, 10th Main, Parkia Street, Nisarga Colony, Horamavu Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk,** which is more fully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** with **"VAMSI KRISHNA B"**, S/o. Brahmanjaneyulu B, presently residing at No.335 Chan Court, Folsom, California, USA - 95630, **Rep. by his GPA Holder Cum his Father "BETHAPUDI BRAHMANEYULU", & "SMT. SUNEETHA N"**, W/o. Vamsi Krishna B, presently residing at California, USA-95630, **Rep. by her GPA Holder Cum her Brother "NEPPALI SRINIVASA RAO"**, hereinafter referred to as Vendors.

Any person/s asserting any right, title and interest or any claim of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property or any part thereof or objecting to the said sale in favour of my clients, should write to the undersigned notifying their nature of right over the Schedule Property or any part thereof or their objections for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Vendors in favour of my clients with necessary documentary proof to substantiate their rights or objections, within 15 days from today. In case no such objections are received within the said period, then My Clients shall proceed to complete the said sale transaction, as if nobody has any objection/s for purchase of the Schedule Property by my clients.

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03. SRI G.UMA MAHESHWARA RAO, S/o. Sri. G.V. Rathnaiah, Aged about 35 years,
04. SMT. G.KIRAN MAYEE, W/o. Sri. Uma Mahaeshwara Rao, Aged about 33 years,
Both are residing at No.109, 1st Floor, Shiva Prakruthi Apartment, Tala Cauvery layout, Amruthahalli Main Road, Byta rayanapura Main Road, Bangalore -560092. ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an Application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.39,88,882/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Two Only),** together with interest at the rate of 10.65% p.a. compounded monthly with costs and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of this publication or **on 3/12/21 at 10.30 a.m.**in the forenoon in person or by a pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **13th day of August, 2021.**

By the order of the Tribunal
Sd/-Registrar, I/C
Debt Recovery Tribunal-I, Bengaluru

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, AT BANGALORE
Jeevan Mangal Buildings, 1st & 2nd Floor, No.4, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025.
O.A.No.1354/2020

Between:
Canara Bank, J.P.Nagar 2nd Phase Branch And RAH Branch, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. ...Applicant
And
Sri. Umesh Gowda and Another ...Defendants

SUMMONS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF SUBSTITED SERVICE:

To:
Defendant Nos.1 & 2
1. Mr. Umesh Gowda, S/o. Sri. Ramappa, aged about 40 years, Mobile: 9606735549, Aadhaar: 525394633802
2. Mrs. Lakshmi Devi, W/o. Mr. Umesh Gowda, aged about 39 years, Mobile: 9060388335
Both are residing at No.94, Maruthi Nagar, Sonnenahalli, Kengeri Upa Nagar, Bengaluru -560056 and Also at Flat No.205, 2nd Floor, ``Neha Sadan'', Site No.7, Old Khatha No.193, BBMP New Municipal No.730/253/254/11/7, Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk.

1. Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993, (Copy enclosed), against you for Recovery of sum of **Rs. 50,45,207.84 ps. (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Two Hundred Seven and Paise Eighty Four only),** mentioned therein together with Current and future interest, costs and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement before this Tribunal at **10.30 a.m.** or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of Tribunal **on 7/12/21** to answer the claim. 2. A Copy of the application is enclosed herewith. The Copies of the annexure are also enclosed. You are directed to collect the annexure on your appearance before the Tribunal. 3. If you intend to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with the written statement. 4. You should file your registered address and memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the Tribunal either in person or by a pleader/ Advocate duly instructed. 5. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **14th day of September, 2021**

Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2
Bengaluru

THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
H. O : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Ph- 080-23342713/ 23342323, E- Mail : mcb_mall@yahoo.com, Website : www.mcbl.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** for an amount mentioned below together with further interest, incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date account close.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Borrower Name and Address : (1) Mr.Venkatesh D L S/o Late Lakshmansa D S **(2) Smt.Pramila D V** W/o Venkatesh D L **(3) Mr.Vinod Kumar D V** S/o Venkatesh D L **(4) Mr.Raghavendra D V** S/o Venkatesh D L **(5) Mr. Krishna D L** S/o Late Lakshmansa D S All are residing at No 20, 2nd Floor,5 th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.

Demand Notice : 07/06/2021 **Possession Notice Dated: 23.09.2021**

Balance outstanding: Rs.1,16,06,975/-[Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakhs Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Five only] as on **31/08/2021** and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Property Bearing Flat unit No.5 situated on the 5th Floor, Measuring 1533.75 Sq Feet of Super built up area along with Undivided Share of Land measuring 240 Sq Feet out of 1200 Sq.Ft., in the aforementioned property Constructed in Converted Land Bearing Municipal No 20 and PID NO.27/11/20, Situated at 5th Cross Gandhinagar, Bangalore Measuring 3000 Sq Feet Bangalore including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, and bounded as follows: East by: Private Property Of Garudachar, West By: Private Property Of Ramaiah, North By: Private Property of Advocate Subba Rao, South By: 5th Cross Road.

2. Borrower Name and Address : (1) Mr Krishna D L S/o Late Lakshmansa D S **(2) Smt.Anuradha D K** W/o Krishna D L **(3) Mr.Janardhan D K** S/o Krishna D L **(4) Mr. Venkatesh D L** S/o Late Lakshmansa D S **(5) Mr. Raghavendra D V** S/o Venkatesh D L All are residing at: No 20, 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru- 560009.

Demand Notice : 07/06/2021 **Possession Notice Dated: 23.09.2021**

Balance outstanding: Rs.1,16,86,603/- [Rupees One crore Sixteen lakhs Eighty Six thousand Six hundred and Three only] as on **31/08/2021** and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Property bearing Unit No.4B situated on the 4th Floor, Measuring 1208 Sq Feet of Super built up area along with Undivided Share of Land measuring 240 Sq Feet of 1200 Sq Feet in the Schedule 'A' property i.e., Constructed in Converted Land Bearing Municipal No 20 and PID No.27/11/20, Situated at 5th Cross Gandhinagar, Bangalore Measuring 3000 Sq Feet Bangalore including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, and bounded as follows: East by : Private Property Of Garudachar, West By : Private Property of Ramaiah, North by: Private Property of Advocate Subba Rao, South By : 5th Cross Road.

Date : 23.09.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**

SREE THYAGARAJA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
Administrative Office : No.5, 9th Cross, Narasimharaja Colony, Bangalore – 560 019. Telephone: 080-22958156, 22958157.

TENDER - CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 R/W RULE 8 & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES

Whereas, **1) Mr. P. Prasanna Kumar Proprietor of M/s Zen Ortho, 2) Mr. Perumal S/o V C Seetharama Naidu, 3) Jaganath S/o Perumal,** all are residing at No. P-136, 4th A Cross, Nagappa Block, Sriramapuram, Bangalore - 560021. having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **M/s.Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., BSK 2nd Stage**. The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs.1,60,87,141/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixty Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty One Only) as on **08.09.2021,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken Symbolic possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of the Properties	Date and Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price
All that part and parcel of the property bearing No. 28, Old No. 265, PID No. 8-11-28, 4th A Cross Road, Nagappa Block, Sriramapuram, Ward No. 8, Gayathri Nagara, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South : 60 feet, Bounded by : East : Property of Ponnuswamy, West : Property of Narayana Swamy, North : Burial Ground Compound, South : Road.	**25.10.2021 at 11.30 AM Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Administrative Office : No.5, 9th Cross, Narasimharaja Colony, Bangalore - 560 019**	**Rs: 1,90,25,660/-** (Rupees One Crores Ninety Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Only) **EMD:** 10% of the Reserve Price **Rs: 19,02,566/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Six Only)

This Publication is also 15 days notice stipulated under rule 8(6) & 9(1) or Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the above Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors.

(1) The Tender form can be collected from **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,Bangalore, Administrative Office : HO No.5, 9th Cross, Narasimharaja Colony,Bangalore - 560 019 (Ph.No.: 080-22958156, 22958157)** on all working days during office hours. (2) The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favor of **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore,** - payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore by 23.10.2021 before 6.00 PM.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)**In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM on 25.10.2021 (8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and -5.00PM at his/her expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, M/s Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Administrative Office : No.5, 9th Cross, Narasimharaja Colony, Bangalore - 560 019 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Contact No.080-22958156, 22958157),) E-Mail: stcb1964@gmail.com

Date: 25.09.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **For Sree Thyagaraja Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**

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Sensex at 60,000: Should you be Investing?

Existing investors should act according to their financial goals and not just based on the Sensex or Nifty levels

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

WITH the BSE Sensex adding the 5,000 points in just 28 sessions to breach the 60,000-mark for the first time in its 31-year long journey and the bulls seemingly in complete control of the market, the desire to invest in equity and make quick money escalated like never before.

The exuberance in the market though should make investors – existing or prospective – to pause for a moment and seek answers to some of the fundamental questions. Should new investors, who have been watching from the fringes this surge should join the party or should existing investors book profit at current level and then join the back when there is a price correction?

In order not to get carried away by the enthusiasm in the market on Sensex reaching the milestone of 60,000, you must listen to what experts have to say, and follow the well-laid out financial paths to continue making money.

But before you start, here is a caveat.

"Market valuations are rich. Retail investors are driving the market aided by the humongous liquidity available in the financial system. However, market cannot be a one-way street. At high valuations markets are vulnerable to sharp corrections," said VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

So, what should be the investor's strategy at a time when valuations are at an all-time high and yet the exuberance in markets refuses to die down?

VK Vijaykumar has a few words of wisdom for retail investors — Investors' response to the market should be based on their financial goals.

New investors exercise restrains

Itching to take advantage of the equity market on steroid? You must exercise caution if you are investing for the first time.

According to Gaurav Garg, Head of Research, CapitalVia Global Research, new investors must be careful as of now and they must look for reasonably-valued stocks or else wait for the correction in the market in order to make positions from lower levels.

Vijayakumar said that new investors should not fall into the trap of chasing low-priced small caps and should have minimum time-horizon of four years.

New investors should also keep this in mind that they can participate in the equity market by also investing in equity mutual funds instead of taking a direct plunge into equities. Mutual funds with their team of fund managers, researchers and in-house fund management practices are better placed to invest wisely than investors themselves taking bets on stocks.

"Invest systematically in high-quality stocks. If the investor doesn't have expertise and time to make good investment, invest through mutual funds, preferably through the SIP route. Don't trade; invest," says Vijaykumar of Geojit Financial Services.

Strategy for existing investors

Existing investors should act as per their financial goals and should not take decisions based on Sensex or Nifty levels.

"If an investor has been investing in the market for the last several years with a clear goal of raising the money for down payment for buying a house and if their investment has now grown to enable them to realise that goal, they can sell their investment and realise their dream goal. On the other hand, if an investor has been investing in the market with the long-term objective of participating in the wealth creation through the stock market, they should remain invested and continue to invest systematically," Vijayakumar of Geojit Financial services told TNIE.

Some experts advise existing investors to book profits at current level if one has no immediate plans to increase fund allocation.

"An already-invested investor with no plans to add more may book partial profit as of now (if required), do some re-balancing and may leave the rest invested from medium to long term," said Gaurav Garg of CapitalVia Global Research. Investors can also look at the upcoming earning session as an opportunity to invest in stocks.

Vinit Bolinjkar, Head of Research, Ventura Securities, believes the upcoming earnings season is expected to provide good investment opportunities to investors. "Sectors that are expected to perform better in FY22 are Real Estate, Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) and Cement," he says.

Correction on the anvil?

According to the data available, all previous bull markets in India - 1992-92, 1994, 1998-2000, 2003-07 - had big corrections of 5%, 10%, even 20%. Analysts believe the same is likely to happen with the current run as valuations are hard to justify. However, they are also confident that market will bounce back from a fall.

Bolinjkar says, "We believe that the current market valuations are stretched. At 60,000, Sensex is trading at CY22 P/E 22X (EPS of ₹2,711) which is higher than the average one year forwarded P/E of 19X. So, the current valuations are on the higher side and have already priced in the positives of future economic recovery. We believe that the upside from the current level is limited and the Sensex is expected to be range bound. We would recommend to invest only in multi-year growth stories and avoid short-term profits."

SENSEX RETURN OVER LAST 10 YRS

Year	Sensex return (%)	Value of ₹5,000 monthly SIP in Sensex (in ₹)
1-yr	60.6	83,847
3-yr	17.88	2,39,481
5-yr	16.24	4,64,412
10-yr	14.1	13,18,770

SIP: Systematic Investment Plan

Returns have been calculated based on Index closing on 24 Sept 2021

Source: BSE

MONEY-WISE

DO NOT LOSE MONEY WAITING FOR THE MARKET TO CHANGE

THE Index has reached 60,000 (Sensex). Is it a good time to sell some shares and sit on the sidelines? Should I stop my SIP and start after some time? Should I reduce my SIP in large-cap funds and invest in Mid-cap funds?

I have been asked these questions at 25,000, at 35,000, and of course at 50,000 and now at 60,000. The truth is, I have no idea.

This looks like a simple question, but it has the following questions hidden in it: Will the market fall from here? If it falls, for how long will it be down? When should I start buying again? When should I start doing the SIP again? Will Mid-cap perform better than Large-cap? Till what level will it fall? Should I start buying in 2/3 months or wait longer?

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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Honestly, let us say I tell the reader "I do think the market is too high, you should sell your Large-cap shares (Sensex represents the large-cap shares, right?) and wait" - and the reader does that.

Then let us assume that the market goes to 62,000 in a week - and then falls to 55,000, do you think the reader will be happy?

No. He may have panicked and bought again at 61,000 and felt good at 62,000. Or he might be cursing me for the WRONG advice - or wrong reading of the market. Later on he is likely to tell me "You could have asked me to sell at 62,000 instead of 60,000".

People anchor around round numbers like 50,000 or 60,000 - maybe because it is easy. Actually, this is just a number and has absolutely no significance in the life of an index.

Most of us know that saying "now the market will do this or that" makes no sense - however, it does attract a lot of readers who think that there is a simple answer. In the long run for a person to make money, there is no great need to be able to predict how the market will move in the next month or next quarter.

If they are optimistic about the prospects of the world or any one country in particular, they should just invest in the index of that country. Still in doubt about which country will do well? Then the best fund to invest in is a World Index. It is as simple as that.

There are enough people who will tell you that people have lost money waiting for the market to change - and the opportunity lost while waiting is really huge.

If you are really a long-term investor, please do not wait for the 'Market to correct' - it is difficult. Just start a SIP and keep investing Regularly. If you see the markets coming down, just put a lumpsum Into the same fund from time to time. This will ensure that you accumulate a decent time over the next few decades - and you will have enough money to meet your goals.

UNDERSTANDING SHAREHOLDER ACTIVISM AND ITS IMPACT

RAJAS KELKAR

IT is primarily a developed market phenomenon. In countries where financial markets play a dominant role, shareholder activism makes an impact. These are minority shareholders who punch above their weight to enforce good corporate governance. Now, that may sound a bit complicated if you are new to the world of investing. But as small shareholders in the stock market, it is worth taking a note.

The recent announcement by Zee Entertainment to merge with Sony Pictures Entertainment, an Indian arm of the Japanese conglomerate Sony is a case in point. The largest activist shareholder nudges a listed large entertainment company to merge with a stronger player. It is perhaps a first in India. A minority shareholder Invesco Developing Markets, a fund owning 18% of the company, called an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders to remove chief executive officer Punit Goenka and two other independent directors last week. The share price of Zee Entertainment jumped 40%.

A few days later, the company announced a merger with Sony Pictures Entertainment. The company said that the Japanese conglomerate would own a majority stake in the merged entity in a release. However, Punit Goenka would continue to be the head of the combined entity. The share price of the company has remained firm since the two dramatic announcements. Invesco, the single largest shareholder in the company, has publicly endorsed the deal with Sony. They seem to be okay with Goenka at the company's helm, with Sony holding a majority stake and appointed most of the board of directors.

Most companies that value corporate governance would watch this development closely. The outcome could turn into a model for many more such corporate actions.

Activist shareholders are usually hedge funds and groups of smaller shareholders or proxy advisory institutions. Then there are other institutional investors like pension funds or long-term index funds.

In the US, hedge funds are actively seeking reforms in businesses. However, their vision is relatively short-term in comparison to other activist shareholders. The small shareholders, their proxy institutions, usually focus on corporate policies on stakeholders and not just shareholders. They and other long-term investors usually insert clauses in shareholder meetings. These could be about the CEO compensation or voting for or against proposals for corporate actions like mergers and acquisitions. Corporate boards must listen to minority shareholders.

Large institutions like BlackRock, Vanguard and State Street Capital together owned nearly a fifth of the S&P 500 in 2020, according to an article published on lexology.com, a US-based legal information website. S&P 500 market cap is close to $40 trillion. They play a role too in keeping corporate boards on their toes.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

What it means to you

As institutional investors make their presence in India, that is good news for ordinary shareholders of Zee. The share price has responded with an over 30% jump in two days. According to analyst estimates, the estimated value of the combined entity could be around ₹50,000 crore compared to the current market cap of Zee Entertainment of ₹32,000 crore.

From the point of view of a small shareholder, you need to ensure that the company's share price remains stable and your profits are protected. It does not matter whether the founding family stays in control or a new independent board takes over. If your investment is protected, then you remain invested.

When companies go through such boardroom battles for control through mergers and acquisitions, there are finer details that you need to keep track of. Non-finance people can't do so regularly.

If you are a mutual fund investor, read up about special situation funds. These types of mutual funds invest in companies that are likely to go through corporate action. There is always a scope for prices to move either way in a special situation. Fund managers of such funds analyse developments better than individuals. They can take an informed decision to enter or exit such a company.

Like any other equity investment, you must remember that equity investing is for the long term. Special situations could lead to profits or losses based on the outcome of the boardroom battle.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

BANK HOLIDAYS IN OCTOBER '21

If your work requires you to visit banks every now and then, October may see a lot of disruptions in your work. The reason being 10 public holidays apart from the Sundays. Here's a list of holidays to help you plan your bank visits in advance.

Date	Day	Holiday	Centres
2nd Oct	Saturday	Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti	All circles
6th Oct	Wednesday	Mahalaya Amavasya	Bengaluru, Kolkata
12th Oct	Tuesday	Saptami (Durga Puja)	Kolkata
13th Oct	Wednesday	Mahastami (Durga Puja)	Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, Patna, Guwahati
14th Oct	Thursday	Ayutha Pooja, Mahanavami (Durga Puja)	Bengaluru, Kolkata, Chennai, Kerala, Patna, Guwahati, Lucknow
15th Oct	Friday	Dusshera / Vijaya Dashami	All circles
18th Oct	Monday	Kati Bihu	Guwahati
19th Oct	Tuesday	Id-e-milad/Milad-e-sharif	Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Kerala, Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Chennai
20th Oct	Wednesday	Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti, Lakshmi Puja	Bengaluru, Chandigarh and Kolkata
31st Oct	Sunday	Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel's Birthday	Ahmedabad

Source: SBI

EXPRESS READ

SpiceJet now introduces interim fixed pay system

New Delhi: Budget carrier SpiceJet, which had resorted to hourly-basis pay for pilots amid the pandemic, on Sunday said it has introduced a new "interim fixed salary system" for captains and first officers. The airline said not only will pilot salaries "increase significantly" under the new pay structure but those who fly more than the stipulated minimum hours will be paid overtime. However, some pilots contested the assurance given by SpiceJet claimed "stress" due to the continued reduction in their salaries implemented in April last year.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹1,599.50

Target Price ₹1,800

HDFC BANK

We expect growth trends to revive in retail especially in unsecured lending segment in coming quarters. HDFCB typically adopts an aggressive stance during the festive season and offers various discounts on consumer durable products to drive spends and accelerated growth in consumer durable financing. Lifting of RBI restrictions before the festive season augurs well for the bank.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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India needs big banks like SBI: Finance Minister

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FINANCE minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that India needs four or five more banks like the State Bank of India (SBI) to scale up the banking services to meet the changing requirements in the light of shifting recent realities of economy and industry.

Sitharaman said this during her keynote address at the 74th Annual General Meeting of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) in Mumbai on Sunday.

SBI, with a loan portfolio of ₹25.23 lakh crore and deposit of ₹37.2 lakh crore as on 30 June 2021, is the biggest Indian bank and corporate lender. Compare this to India's largest private sector bank ICICI Bank, which has a total loan portfolio of ₹7.4 lakh crore. Two other public sector banks -- PNB and Bank of Baroda – had a total loan portfolio of around ₹7.2 lakh crore. The finance minister underlined the importance of seamless and interconnected digital systems in creating a sustainable future for the Indian banking industry.

"Long-term future of Indian banking is going to be largely driven by digitised processes."

Pointing out the wide disparities in access to financial services despite digitisation of banking services, she said there are parts of our country where brick-and-mortar banks are necessary. The FM asked the IBA to improve access to banking in every district through optimal utilisation of digital technologies.

She suggested the IBA carry out digitised location-wise mapping of all bank branches for every district of the nation.

Sitharaman stressed on the need to strengthen Unified Payment Interface (UPI). "In the payment world today, Indian UPI has actually made a very big impression. A RuPay card which was not as glamorous as a foreign card is now accepted in so many different parts of the world, symbolic of India's futuristic digital payment intentions."

FinTech understands that UPI is its backbone, you have to give it its flesh and blood, the Minister advised bankers.

On National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd, which was recently cleared by the cabinet, Sitharaman clarified that NARCL is not a bad bank and that it is a formulation which is intended to clean up banks' assets and dispose of NPAs in a speedy manner.

HDFC Bank aims to double rural presence

Mumbai: HDFC Bank on Sunday said it aims to double its rural reach to two lakh villages, which will see it hire 2,500 people in the next six months. The city-headquartered bank also said it aims to double its presence in the next 18-24 months through a combination of branch network , business correspondents, business facilitators, CSC (common service centres) partners, virtual relationship management and digital outreach platforms.

30 cos may float public issues in Oct-Nov

New Delhi: Hectic fundraising through initial public offerings (IPOs) is expected in October-November, with at least 30 companies looking to collectively raise over ₹45,000 crore through initial share-sales, merchant banking sources said. Of the total fundraising, a large chunk would be garnered by technology-driven companies. The successful IPO of Zomato encouraged new-age tech companies to come out with their primary share-sales.

Jio leads active wireless subscriber base: Trai

New Delhi: Reliance Jio led active wireless subscriber additions in July at 6.1 million, while Bharti Airtel's active user adds stood at 2.3 million, according to latest data by TRAI. Riding on the strong gains, Jio has scaled up its active subscriber market share, with its user tally on this count pegged at 346.49 million, analysts said crunching July telecom subscription numbers released by the sector regulator. Motilal Oswal, in its report, said that Reliance Jio had active subscriber additions of 6.1 million reaching about 346 million users in July.

Sania wins first title of 2021 season in Ostrava

India tennis ace Sania Mirza won her first title of the season as she and her Chinese partner Shuai Zhang beat the pair of Kaitlyn Christian and Erin Routliffe in the women's doubles final of the Ostrava Open on Sunday. The second-seeded Indo-Chinese duo defeated the third-seeded pair of American Christian and New Zealander Routliffe 6-3, 6-2 in the final.

First spot after last-ball win

Chennai go top after narrow victory over Kolkata, on the brink of play-off berth

VIVEK KRISHNAN @ Chennai

OVER the IPL's 14 seasons, no team has successfully hunted down a target off the last ball more often than Chennai Super Kings. Their two-wicket win over Kolkata Knight Riders in Abu Dhabi on Sunday was the seventh such occasion, but they would have ideally liked to avoid those anxious moments in the first place given that they seemed in control for large parts of the run chase. Regardless, they can now let out a wry smile, knowing that their eighth win this season has all but assured them of a spot in the play-offs.

Ravindra Jadeja was at the front and centre of Chennai's sixth consecutive win in the UAE (going back to three matches at the end of last season), returning with tidy figures of 1/21 from his four overs and then wielding the willow for a 8-ball 22 to help his side reach 172.

In a chase where the pendulum oscillated to-and-fro, the decisive turn came in the 19th over. Delivered by pacer Prasidh Krishna, Jadeja's nous and hitting ability proved to be key as he smashed the youngster for two sixes and two fours in a 22-run over. From needing 26 off two overs, Chennai now needed only four from the last over.

Even then, there was some huffing and puffing as the phlegmatic Sunil Narine struck twice — removing Sam Curran and Jadeja — and brought it down to one from one. Deepak Chahar, though, heaved across the line and managed to get a decent enough connection to scamper across for a single. In hindsight, of course, Kolkata can look back and rue many things but the injury to Andre Russell was particularly devastating. The West Indian — who had figures of 3-0-28-1 — was unable to complete his quota of four overs after fielding a ball at the boundary and limping off the field in the 17th over. He is one of Kolkata's designated death bowlers and might have been helming the responsibility instead of Prasidh if not for his injury.

CSK's Ravindra Jadeja was adjudged the Man of the Match for his all-round effort against KKR on Sunday | SPORTZPICS

In the circumstances, Kolkata coped well. Narine took three wickets while Varun Chakravarthy exhibited exemplary control yet again, notably claiming MS Dhoni's scalp with a well-disguised googly. As things stand, Dhoni's record against the Tamil Nadu spinner is unflattering: he has been dismissed three times in three innings and has an average of 3.33.

But it won't perturb Dhoni of course. His team has managed to turn things around dramatically after the travails of last season. While they have made a couple of changes in personnel — none more vital than bringing in England's Moeen Ali — it is their more daring approach in the middle overs in particular that has reaped rich rewards. Given their batting depth, they seem comfortable with attacking relentlessly even if it comes at the cost of losing a couple of wickets. The stats bear this out: a scoring rate of 7.37 in the middle overs in 2020 has gone up to 8.91 this year.

Brief scores: Kolkata 171/6 in 20 ovs (Tripathi 45, Rana 37 n.o; Thakur 2/20) lost to Chennai 172/8 in 20 ovs (Du Plessis 43, Gaikwad 40; Narine 3/41).

IPL TOPPERS

ORANGE CAP	PURPLE CAP
S DHAWAN	H PATEL
430 RUNS	23 WKTS
SIX-O-METER	FAIRPLAY
475	CSK

Updated till RCB vs MI match

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SRH VS RR

No more setbacks

With eight points, Rajasthan are seventh and can't afford any more defeats if they are to remain in the hunt for play-offs. And not just wins, they have to do it with an eye on their net run-rate too as it is beginning to get crowded in the middle as Chennai and Delhi are all but assured of play-off berth. They seemed to have found the right balance in their win over Punjab Kings, but the unavailability of Evin Lewis changed all of it. Have been unlucky as they continue to be without several of their first-choice players.

Down and out

Two points from nine matches. Even if they win all their remaining five matches, they will finish only with 12, which still won't be enough to make it to play-offs. That said, Hyderabad's realistic hope will be to get back to winning ways. This side looks totally unrecognisable to the one that constantly challenged and entered the play-offs. From changing captains to rotating players, they have tried everything, but sadly nothing has worked for them. One good thing is the availability of all-rounder Vijay Shankar who could come in place of Kedar Jadhav.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

MATCHES: 14

Rajasthan wins: 7
Hyderabad wins 7

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Mithali & Co bring an end to Oz's record run

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

INDIA'S skipper Mithali Raj perfectly summed up what her side had just achieved on Sunday. Although the visitors had already lost the series and were down 2-0 coming into the third and final ODI, there was enough motivation going into the final game. For them, it was not a dead rubber.

"I was just telling the girls, Australia's winning streak started against India, in India (in 2018), so now we are the ones who broke that streak," said Mithali after India ended Australia's unbeaten world record streak that now stands at 26. A solid performance spearheaded by youngsters Yastika Bhatia (64) and Shafali Varma (56) helped India script a two-wicket win as they chased Australia's total of 264/9.

It was also the India's highest run chase and helps build confidence ahead of next year's World Cup. Quite poetically, it was veteran Jhulan Goswami who scored the winning runs. Earlier, she had picked up three wickets. "Lots of soreness in my body, having played back-to-back games, need time to recover, but we're looking forward to being a part of the first-ever pink-ball Test," said Jhulan after her heroics.

Despite losing the ODI series, with the defeat in the second ODI being particularly hard to take, the mental boost provided by this win going into the pink-ball Test will be immense as Australia was enjoying the longest winning streak in ODIs.

Prior to this, their last defeat came back in 2017 when they lost to England. Being unbeaten for nearly four years, they were not going to surrender such a streak that easily.

India had to work for it, but they stepped up. It was eventually settled in the final over. Thanks to half-centuries from Ashleigh Gardner (67) and Beth Mooney (52), the hosts posted an imposing total of 264/9.

Jhulan (3/37) and Pooja Vastrakar (3/46) were the standout bowlers for India. Chasing a challenging total, India needed a strong start. Openers Shafali and Smriti Mandhana came up with a 59-run stand.

After Smriti (22) departed, Shafali and Yastika combined to forge a century run stand. After their departure though, Australia ran through India's middle order before Deepti Sharma (31) and Sneh Rana (30) steadied things. It all came down to Jhulan, who smashed the winning runs with a boundary down the ground.

Brief scores: Australia 264/9 in 50 ovs (Ashleigh Gardner 67, Beth Mooney 52, Jhulan Goswami 3/37, Pooja Vastrakar 3/46) **lost to** India 266/8 in 49.3 ovs (Yastika Bhatia 64, Shafali Verma 56, Annabel Sutherland 3/30).

EXPRESS READ

Udanta returns for SAFF Championship

NEW DELHI: India football team head coach Igor Stimac on Sunday named a 23-member squad for the upcoming SAFF Championship in the Maldives with Bengaluru FC winger Udanta Singh returning to the side. Udanta, who missed the two international friendly matches against Nepal earlier this month, made the cut for the October 1-16 regional tournament. Chennaiyin FC's Vishal Kaith was named among the three goalkeepers while Dheeraj Singh Moirangthem was omitted.

Ridhima shines in pool

BENGALURU: Ridhima Veerendrakumar was in good form as she registered two new state junior records in the State Aquatic Championships here on Sunday. She clocked 28.14s in the 50m freestyle Group II girls, bettering Shikha Tandon's record of 28.20s, which was set 21 years ago. In 50m backstroke, she won gold medal with a record timing of 30.06s.

Arsenal beat Tottenham

LONDON: Arsenal struck three times inside 35 minutes to beat Tottenham 3-1 on Sunday and move above their north London rivals in the Premier League table. Emile Smith Rowe, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Bukayo Saka were the goal scorers for Arsenal while Son Heung-min managed to the score the lone goal for Tottenham in the 79th minute.

Maxwell, Harshal help Bangalore cruise to big win

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

THERE were plenty of subplots heading into the tie between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Mumbai Indians in Dubai on Sunday. Virat Kohli vs Rohit Sharma, Yuzvendra Chahal vs Rahul Chahar, depending on what catches your fancy. There was also the return of Hardik Pandya, who was playing his first game since July.

But it was Bangalore's Glenn Maxwell who stole the show with a commanding performance against Mumbai on Sunday. He had a point to prove after his below-par showing in the first two matches of the UAE leg. More pertinently, he needed to exorcise the demons of a torrid 2020 in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with Kings XI Punjab, when he went through the entire season without hitting a single maximum. He managed to do so with a 37-ball 56 that helped RCB reach a competitive total of 165/6. He also took 2/23 with the ball as an all-round bowling performance helped RCB bowl out Mumbai for 111 and notch up a 54-run win.

Aside from Maxwell, Harshal Patel took a hat-trick and finished with figures of 4/17 while leggie Yuzvendra Chahal starred with 3 wickets.

Virat Kohli, too, hit 51 off 42 balls to provide Bangalore a decent foundation to build on.

Bangalore are now third in the points table with 12 points from 10 matches. Mumbai are languishing at seventh and are yet to open their account in the UAE this year.

RCB would have ideally liked a few more on the board, but some excellent death bowling by Jasprit Bumrah and Trent Boult restricted the damage.

Having scored 10 and 11 in Bangalore's last two matches — both of which they lost — there was no doubt that Maxwell was under pressure. Bangalore needed their X-factor to fire on Sunday and also shepherd that the rest of the middle-order.

For Mumbai, there are plenty of concerns. While Rohit and Quinton de Kock once again provided the team a good start, their middle-order is letting them down repeatedly. Suryakumar Yadav, Ishan Kishan, Kieron Pollard and Krunal Pandya are simply not being able to live up to their reputation.

Brief scores: RCB 165/6 in 20 ovs (Maxwell 56, Kohli 51; Bumrah 3/36) beat MI 111 in 18.1 ovs (H Patel 4/17, Chahal 3/11).

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, AT BANGALORE
Jeevan Mangal Buildings, 1st & 2nd Floor, No.4, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025.
O.A. No.1806/2020

Between:
Canara Bank, J.P.Nagar 2nd Phase Branch, and RAH Branch, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. ...Applicant
And
Sri. Nageshwara Rao Boddu & others ...Defendants

SUMMONS:
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF SUBSTITED SERVICE:

To:
Defendant Nos.1,3,4 & 6
D1. Sri. Nageswara Rao Boddu, S/o. Sri.Boddu Babu Rao, aged about 38 years, Residing at No.156/6-12, 1st Floor, 3rd Main, Jakkasandra 1st Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560034 and **Permanent Address** at No.32-40-49 Yaramvari Street, Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Machavaram, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh-520004. **Mobile: 9986702347.**
D3. M/s.Neha Constructions, A partnership firm having its Office at No.183, 9th Main, 12th Cross, BTM Layout, Bengaluru -560076, Represented by its Managing Partner **Sri Neelam Shankar, Defendant No.4 herein.**
D4. Sri Neelam Shankar, Son of Sri N.Mogulaiah, Aged about 39 years, No. 183, 9th Main, 12th Cross, BTM Layout, Bengaluru-560076.
D6. Sri Rajashekar Reddy, Son of Ramachandra Reddy, Aged about 48 years, No.183, 9th Main, 12th Cross, BTM Layout, Bengaluru-560076, **and** No.23, Tirumala Colony, L.B.Nagar, Hyderabad -5600074.

1. Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993, (Copy enclosed), against you for Recovery of sum of **Rs. 38,80,177.62ps. (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Eighty Thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven and Paise Sixty two only),** mentioned **therein** therein together with current and future interest, costs and other reliefs.
You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement before this Tribunal at **10.30 a.m.** or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of Tribunal **on 02/11/2021** to answer the claim. 2. A Copy of the application is enclosed herewith. The Copies of the annexure are also enclosed. You are directed to collect the annexure on your appearance before the Tribunal. 3. If you intend to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with the written statement. 4. You should file your registered address and memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the Tribunal either in person or by a pleader/ Advocate duly instructed. 5. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **16th day of Aug, 2021**

Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2
Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN
This is to inform the General Public that following share certificate of **Johnson Controls Hitachi Air Conditioning India Limited** having registered office at 9th Floor, Abhijeet ,Mithakhali Six Roads Ahmedabad GJ 380006. Registered in name of following share holder has been lost by them

Sr No	Name of Shareholder	Folio No
1	Vimal Chawla	018951

Certificate No.	Distinctive No.	No. of Shares
49368	4642276-4642325	50

The Public are hereby Cautioned against purchasing or dealing in any way with the above referred share certificate
Any Person who has any claim in respect of the said share certificate should lodge such claim with **Johnson Control Hitachi Air Conditioning India Pvt Limited** having registered office at 9th Floor, Abhijeet, Mithakhali Six Roads Ahmedabad GJ 380006 or its registrar and transfer agents Link Intime India Pvt Limited, 5th Floor, 506 to 508, Amarnath Business Center-1 (ABC-1) Beside Gala Business center, Near St. Xaviers College corner, Off CG Road, Ellisebridge, Ahmedabad 380006, Gujarat within **15 days** of Publication of this notice after which no claim will be entertained and the company shall proceed to issue Duplicate certificate.
Vimal Chawla - **Name of Legal Claimant**
Place : Bangalore Date : 26-9-2021

BEFORE THE VI ADDL. PRINCIPAL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
M.C.NO. 1247/2020
Between
Ranjan D .....Petitioner
And
Harshitha G.S .....Respondent

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT
To, Smt. Harshitha.G.S
W/o Ranjan D., D/o Srinivasmurthy. G.,
Aged about 27 years,
R/at #10, Devanahalli Town,
Bangalore Rural District.

Whereas, the Petitioner has filed the above Petition under section 12 (1) of the Hundu Marriage Act, for nullity of marriage against you.
You are hereby directed to appear before the Hon'ble VIth Addl. Principal Family court at Bangalore on **04.10.2021 at 11.00 am** either in person or through an Advocate duly authorised failing which, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence placing you exparte.
Given under may hand and seal of this Court on this **11th day of Aug 2021.**

By order of the Court
Sd/- SHERISTEDAR
Family Court, Bangalore

Drafted by
Eagle's Eye Law Associates
HEMALATHA D
AVINASH V., Advocates
No. 55, New police Station Road, K.R. Puram, Bangalore-36

IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDL PRL JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BANGALORE
M.C. No. 635/2020
BETWEEN: Geetha Rajarathinam ... **Petitioner**
AND: Supreo Mukhopadhyay ... **Respondent**
NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT
To: Supreo Mukhopadhyay, S/o Prabir Kumar Mukhopadhyay, R/o GF-4, Ajantha Palace, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru 560085.
Whereas, the above named Petitioner has filed the above petition under Section 13(1) (ia) & (ib) of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955, against the Respondent for Dissolving the marriage and such other relief. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed before VI Additional Judge Family Court, Bengaluru. Take notice that in default of your appearance, on **17-11-2021** at 11.00 AM, the petition will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you as ex-parte.
Issued under my hand and seel of this Court on this 8th day of August 2021.
By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Petitioner: **Shri Stanley Sam** No.17, 18, 2nd Floor, View Point M Gandhi Nagar, Marathahalli PO, Bengaluru-560037.

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client **Mr. Saurabh Kumar Tiwary S/o Bhooth Nath Tiwary,** Aged about 37 years, Residing at Flat No.212, Sai Pride Apartment, Begur, Near St.Francis (ICSE) School, Amlodhbhavanagar, Begur Road, Bengaluru-560068, who represented that he intended to purchase the schedule property from Mr. Chakravarthi Ilangovan S/o Mr.Ilangaovan.P, Parmanent Resident at No.3/69/1, III Cross, Annama Naicker Street, Kuniamuthur, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu-641008, Presently Residing at: Apartment 2, Regent Court, 5 Green Lane, Mossley Hill, Liverpool, L18 6HA, Any person/s, financial institutions and statutory authorities who claims any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the schedule property and or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claims and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within in TEN (10) days hereof, filing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my client would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owner thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.
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M.ANANDA, B.A., LL.B., Advocate
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VACCINE MAKERS COULD REAP BILLIONS FROM BOOSTER JABS

Pfizer expected to report $26 bn and Moderna $14 bn in global sales of boosters, which are more profitable than first two doses

MEDICINE

BILLIONS more in profits are at stake for some vaccine makers as the US moves toward dispensing Covid-19 booster shots to shore up Americans' protection against the virus.

How much the manufacturers stand to gain depends on how big the rollout proves to be. US health officials late on Thursday endorsed booster shots of the Pfizer vaccine for all Americans 65 and older — along with tens of millions of younger people who are at higher risk from the coronavirus because of health conditions or their jobs.

Officials described the move as a first step. Boosters will likely be offered even more broadly in the coming weeks or months, including boosters of vaccines made by Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. That, plus growth in initial vaccinations, could mean a huge gain in sales and profits for Pfizer and Moderna in particular. "The opportunity quite frankly is reflective of the billions of people around the world who would need a vaccination and a boost," Jefferies analyst Michael Yee said.

Wall Street is taking notice. The average forecast among analysts for Moderna's 2022 revenue has jumped 35% since President Joe Biden laid out his booster plan in mid-August.

Most of the vaccinations so far in the US have come from Pfizer, which developed its shot with Germany's BioNTech, and Moderna. They have inoculated about 99 million and 68 million people, respectively. Johnson & Johnson is third with about 14 million people.

The packaging line of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in Puurs, Belgium | AP

No one knows yet how many people will get the extra shots. But Morningstar analyst Karen Andersen expects boosters alone to bring in about $26 billion in global sales next year for Pfizer and BioNTech and around $14 billion for Moderna if they are endorsed for nearly all Americans. Those companies also may gain business from people who got other vaccines initially.

In Britain, which plans to offer boosters to everyone over 50 and other vulnerable people, an expert panel has recommended that Pfizer's shot be the primary choice, with Moderna as the alternative. Andersen expects Moderna, which has no other products on the market, to generate a roughly $13 billion profit next year from all COVID-19 vaccine sales if boosters are broadly authorized.

Potential vaccine profits are harder to estimate for Pfizer, but company executives have said they expect their pre-tax adjusted profit margin from the vaccine to be in the "high 20s" as a percentage of revenue. That would translate to a profit of around $7 bn next year just from boosters, based on Andersen's sales prediction.

J&J and Europe's AstraZeneca have said they don't intend to profit from their Covid-19 vaccines during the pandemic. For Pfizer and Moderna, the boosters could be more profitable than the original doses since they won't come with the research and development costs the companies incurred to make the vaccines. WBB Securities CEO Steve Brozak said the booster shots will represent "almost pure profit" compared with the initial doses.

Drugmakers aren't the only businesses that could see a windfall from delivering boosters. Drugstore chains CVS Health and Walgreens could bring in more than $800 mn each in revenue, according to Jeff Jonas, a portfolio manager with Gabelli Funds. Jonas noted that the drugstores may not face competition from mass vaccination clinics this time.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Lava lake in volcano crater

NATURE: The reappearance of a lava lake in the crater of the Nyiragongo volcano in eastern DR Congo is a good sign, experts said on Sunday, four months after a major eruption killed 32 people. Nyiragongo's eruption on May 22-23 spewed out lava that buried homes in its wake, stopping just short of the northern outskirts of Goma, a city of some 600,000 people. Celestin Kasereka Mahinda, the scientific director of the Goma Volcanology Observatory, said the "reappearance of the lava lake in Nyiragongo's crater" dates from September 18.

3,500-year-old paving stones

ARCHAEOLOGY: The discovery of a 3,500-year-old paving stone, described as the "ancestor" of Mediterranean mosaics, offers details into the daily lives of the Bronze Age Hittites. The assembly of over 3,000 stones — in shades of beige, red and black, — was unearthed in the remains of a 15th century BC Hittite temple, 700 years before the oldest known mosaics of ancient Greece. "It is the ancestor of the classical period of mosaics ...," says Anacleto D'Agostino, excavation director of Usakli Hoyuk, near Yozgat, in Turkey.

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Santa School

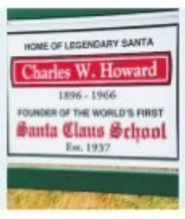
On September 27, 1937, farmer Charles Howard opened the doors of the world's first Santa Claus Training School on his farm in Albion, NY

SEEKING BETTER STANDARDS

He established the school as a result of his displeasure with seeing other Santas in frayed suits and cheap beards, and a shockingly inadequate knowledge of reindeer

INAUGURAL CLASS

The first class consisted of three men, including a welder from New Jersey, his friend, and a neighbour. He eventually even owned a Christmas-themed park



LEAVING A LEGACY

Howard passed away in 1966, but the school continues its operations under the leadership of alumnus Tom Valent and his wife Holly

Sudeep's Kotigobba 3 to release on Oct 14

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From a specially-curated vegan market to the country's first vegan hospitality consultant... Bengaluru is becoming a flagship space for vegans. Here's why

GREEN TRENDS

Young entrepreneur at the Deepavali edit of Namu Recommends Vegan Market | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

ANILA KURIAN

THERE'S a mini vegan movement that has started in the city. It was evident from the buzzing vegan market at RainTree on Sankey Road this weekend. Organised by Namu Kini of Namu Recommends, over 55 clean brands showcased their offerings. The Deepavali edition of the market saw a growing number of participants, both in terms of brands and customers, since their first market in March.

According to Kini, Bengaluru has become a flagship space for vegans. Once considered an 'expensive lifestyle', the growth of vegan-friendly brands has made the products affordable. "It's amazing to see that we have large-funded companies from Bengaluru as well. At the mela this time, there were eight brands that came from outside Bengaluru. I've realised that there are more brands wanting to participate every time I host it. Even then, I had to turn down 20 of them this time," says Kini about the market which also saw customers coming from different parts of the country just to be a part of the mela. It hosted a wide variety of food stalls, clothing brands, pet adoptions stalls, makeup and personal care products, among others. "One of the clothing brands that took part has adopted plant-based designs — they use the colours of flowers and leaves as designs," she says.

Step into any restaurant and there's a section on the menu specifically for vegans. According to Anirudh Nopany, owner of pizzeria Brik Oven, on Church Street and Indiranagar, there's a demand for vegan pizzas even from non-vegans. "There's this curiosity around vegan items. A lot of them want to try it out and when they do, they aren't really able to tell the difference between a vegan and non-vegan version. Something like our vegan mozzarella cheese pizza or mock meat pizza seems to be a crowd favourite," he says.

Agrees Altaf Patel, executive chef of Giest Brewing Taproom. "One would think that there aren't too many vegan-friendly items when you're drinking, but we have a whole list of items on our menu, like peanut masala, beetroot hummus, vada misal," Patel says.

Interestingly, city-based pilot Aashti Sindhu is now one of the first vegan hospitality consultants in the country, and helps restaurants add plant-based dishes to their menus. "I work with chefs and kitchen staff, train them and conduct workshops that help them understand the dishes. I also help them with menu evaluation, recipe development, kitchen and staff training and menu launch events," she says.

VEGAN

BENGALURU GIRL DESIGNS VEGAN LOGO

Recently, FSSAI revealed the new vegan logo created by Mount Carmel College student Kruti Manish Rathore. Green in colour, the logo has a V inscribed in the middle with a small plant on top of it. The final-year Department of Nutrition and Dietetics student says, "When our HoD asked us to create a logo, I gave it a try. Keeping in mind the consumers and what it means to the general public, I designed and submitted it. I wasn't expecting this recognition... it has given me more confidence and I'm looking forward to my career in the nutrition world."

I help chefs with vegan menu evaluation, recipe development and launch events

— Aashti Sindhu, vegan hospitality consultant

At the vegan mela this time, there were eight brands from outside Bengaluru

— Namu Kini, entrepreneur

Over 55 clean brands took part in the two-day mela held over the weekend

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

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A still from *Rani Rani Rani*

Zooming in

Bengaluru-based ad director's debut sci-fi feature film will have its world premiere at two international film festivals in the US

ANILA KURIAN

HE'S a film director whose used to working with a structure, timetable and making videos that are a maximum of two minutes long. So this time **Rajaram Rajendran**, founder of production company Eleven Elements, wanted to explore different aspects of filmmaking and decided to make an indie sci-fi film in English and Hindi. The result is *Rani Rani Rani*, which will make its world premiere at the DWSaff in Dallas, and NYCSaff in New York in October. Starring Tannishtha Chatterjee, late Asif Basra, Danny Sura, Alex O'Nell and Abid Anwar, the 90-minute film was shot in a span of 10 days in Dandeli.

Rajendran says, "It's a small-budget time travel film. We don't see too many movies in this category. It's not a film that is humorous, has action, sad scenes or happy endings, like the ones we are used to. It's a rare genre when it comes to feature films."

In terms of casting the actors, he says that Chatterjee was quite thrilled when he pitched the project to her. "She's the kind of actor we see in most Hindi films, we know her by face but not by name. Basra is also another actor who is known for his work. I wanted actors like them to be a part of the project to make an impact," he says.

While there is an audience for sci-fi films in India, Rajendran feels that it's only niche. "Very few projects like these are made by Indian creators even though there's much to explore in this genre. There is definitely an audience, the numbers are small," he adds.

The team hopes to fly to the US soon for the premiere of the film without having to deal with too many travel restrictions. "Our production house mostly works on advertisements. It's so much more organised because you have a looming deadline. Everything is planned out and shot within a few days," he says, adding, "But when it comes to feature films, the timeline can tend to blur out. You have to wait for that perfect lighting, the day's weather and other set of things that can change your schedule. Honestly, everyone is quite surprised that we pulled off the film within 10 days of shooting." Now that the film is ready to be released on foreign shores, Rajendran hopes to start working on other long-feature formats as well. "For now, we are just excited to present our film at the film festivals," he says.

CITY READ

Learning programme on artificial intelligence launched

National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), working under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and WiselyWise, announced the learning initiative in Artificial Intelligence to enable skill-based development among youngsters in India. As part of this collaboration, WiselyWise has integrated WiseCentral, an AI education platform with NSDC's e-learning portal, to provide access to free AI courses and paid age-appropriate courses in multiple regional languages.

Mother-daughter duo Shan Re and Romicon Revola's pandemic-inspired artwork has been selected for an international show

Painting a real picture

ANILA KURIAN

EVER since the pandemic set in, we've not been able to touch or hold anyone. Hands are a very important part of sharing that emotion. It has tremendous powers to express one's emotions," says popular artist **Shan Re**. Her latest work, which has been selected to be displayed at Chicago-based foundation Terrain Biennial 2021, depicts these thoughts. Incidentally, Re's daughter, **Romicon Revola** too, will be showing her art work as part of the show.

In line with this year's theme, 'Keep in Touch', the artists used human emotions as the base of their work. The idea behind the exhibition is to repurpose private spaces such as front yards, porches, windows and turn them into public areas to share a message and converse with neighbours. This is meant to provide opportunities for artists and viewers to 'experience perspectives'.

Using the pandemic as a peg, Shan's installation uses images of hands to depict the underlying emotions the pandemic has evoked. "It's the means by which we express ourselves and the outward manifestation of the inner capacity to handle our reality and experiences," says Re, who crowdsourced thoughts and feelings about the pandemic, and has used different colours to talk about them. Be it sayings like 'I'm feeling isolated', 'Being alive is a gift', 'Kill Covid', 'Reflecting on my journey', 'Lockdown fatigue', or various emoticons to express one's feelings, the installation says them all.

Installing it in Langford Town at her friend's residence, Re's work will be suspended from the balcony for viewing. "As an artist and an art therapist, I want to spread positivity and hope through various social media platforms. I am helping them embrace uncertainty and stay connected," she says.

Daughter Revola's installation will be displayed in Rajarajeshwari Nagar in a two-storeyed building of her friend's home as well. "During the lockdowns, text messages were our main mode of communication. It teleported us to where we wanted to be through sentences and characters. It also allowed us to share our fears and hopes," she says. Which is why her art revolves around the concept of 'The Human Alphabet' and is a text-based artwork that combines typography and figurative elements. She adds, "'Smiles are key', 'Stay safe' and 'Kindness is contagious' were the most commonly used phrases. All of these have been incorporated in my work."

Both the installations will be on display from October 2 to November 15 in Langford Town and Rajarajeshwari Nagar for public viewing.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

WINE TASTING

Located on the outskirts of the city, head to Big Banyan Vineyards and get a sneak peek into the winery. There will also be tasting sessions. **When:** Sept 27-Oct 31 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

PLAY TIME

Kannada play *Varasudaara*, directed by MS Sathyu, is a four-act play deals with Mahabharatha of Middle Ages. It will be staged at Ranga Shankara. **When:** Oct 2&3 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

CHESS LEAGUE

Showcase your chess skills at Indian Chess League 2020 from the comforts of your home. Register fast and earn some pocket money. **When:** Till Sept 30 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

CHIT-CHAT TIME

Join a platform to interact and be social with interesting strangers in your city and across the world and break off from the lockdown blues. **When:** Till Oct 17 **Details:** insider.in

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Coastal Delight

Enjoy a wide range of coastal delicacies at the newly-launched branch of Mahesh Lunch home. It serves authentic Mangalurean cuisine including appam, fish curry, crabs, pomfret and other seafood varieties. **Where:** Indiranagar

TASTE OF SULTAN

Enjoy a lavish buffet which includes everything from soups, salads, pasta to Chinese and grilled dishes. There will also be an array of desserts to choose from at Buff Buffet Buff, Koramangala. **When:** Ongoing **Details:** bookmyshow.com

LEARN SIGN LANGUAGE

Trust for Retailers and Retail Associates of India (TRRAIN) is conducting a Virtual Indian Sign Language Workshop to teach the basics of sign language and how to communicate with your speech and hearing-impaired peers. **When:** Till Sept 30 **Details:** insider.in

LEGENDARY TRIBUTE

SP Balasubrahmanyam's son SP Charan plays tribute to his father with other singers at The Bangalore Gayana Samaja. The set will include Tamil, Hindi and Telugu songs. **When:** Oct 9 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

VIRTUAL STORY TELLING

National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA) is hosting an online story telling session which will unravel the mythical stories of the Mother Goddess by storyteller and eminent dancer Anita Ratnam. This will be followed by Garba Raas workshop by a renowned Bharatanatyam and Kathak dancer Avani Shah. **When:** Sept 30 **Details:** 8879114939

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com

ASHGOURD ROTI

INGREDIENTS

- **Ashgourd's centre portion:** 150 g
- **Gram dal:** 100 g
- **Rice flour:** 100 g
- **Curry leaves:** a handful
- **Green chillies** as per taste
- **Coriander leaves:** 25 g
- **Salt** as required
- **Oil** to cook

METHOD

- Chop coriander leaves. Soak gram dal for an hour.
- Cut ashgourd into pieces and blend in a mixer without adding water and keep it aside. Then, grind chillies, curry leaves and soaked gram dal one after the other in the mixer coarsely.
- In a vessel, take all the blended items. Add salt, coriander leaves and required quantity of rice flour. Mix it to a dough consistency. Heat a tawa. Take one medium-sized ball of the dough and spread it on a banana leaf.
- Take the leaf on the palm, reverse and put it on the heated tawa. Remove the leaf and pour oil around the roti. Cover it with a plate. Once it is cooked, remove from the tawa and serve with suitable side dish.

—Akila Thiyagarajan, Bengaluru

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Host Michael Hobbes and Sarah Marshall are journalists obsessed with the past. Every week they reconsider a person or event that's been miscast in the public imagination.

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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

VICTORY

Chandru decides to end his life after his wife Priya leaves him. Every time he tries to commit suicide, his attempts go in vain but things take a comical turn when he hires a gangster to kill him.

- Cast: Asmita Sood, Sharan, Sadhu Kokila, P Ravi Shankar

POWER

A politician slips into a coma after getting attacked by criminals. He wakes up after several years to find his son has taken up his responsibilities. However, things are not what they seem to be.

- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Trisha, Kelly Dorji, Prabhu

GAALIPATA

Ganesh, Diganth and Kitty arrive in Mugilupete to stay at Diganth's grandfather's farmhouse. However, there Ganesh falls in love with Sowmya, a widow who stays with her in-laws, Kodandaram and Padma.

- Cast: Diganth, Anant Nag, Ganesh, Rajesh Krishnan

APPU

Appu, who hails from a middle-class family, gets involved in a college fight that leaves him in a critical condition. Suchitra donates her blood to him to save his life.

- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Rakshita, Avinash, Srinivasa Murthy

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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW DRAWING INVITES AUTHENTIC CONNECTION BY WENDY MACNAUGHTON

In an invitation to slow down and look at the world around you, graphic journalist Wendy MacNaughton illustrates how drawing can spark deeply human, authentic connections. Ready to try? Grab a pencil and join MacNaughton for this delightful talk.

2 THE GENETIC RESCUE OF EARTH'S ENDANGERED SPECIES BY RYAN PHELAN

From a special black-footed ferret to coral that can withstand warming waters, genetic rescue efforts are helping nature thrive. But conservation innovator Ryan Phelan points out that fear of unintended consequences often stifles innovation. And makes a case against it.

3 THE LINK BETWEEN INEQUALITY AND ANXIETY BY RICHARD WILKINSON

Why are global levels of anxiety and depression so high? Social epidemiologist Richard Wilkinson presents compelling data on the impact of inequality on mental health and social relationships in countries around the world. "Inequality," he says, "is the enemy between us."

4 PLANET CITY — A SCI-FI VERSION OF AN ASTONISHING REGENERATIVE FUTURE BY LIAM YOUNG

Get transported on a stunningly rendered, sci-fi safari through Planet City: an imaginary metropolis of 10 billion people, from the brain of director and architect Liam Young. Explore the potential outcomes of an urban space designed to house the entire population of the earth.

5 THE UNTAPPED ENERGY SOURCE THAT COULD POWER THE PLANET BY JAMIE C BEARD

Deep beneath your feet is a molten ball of energy the same temperature as the surface of the sun — an immense clean energy source that could power the world thousands of times over, says technologist and climate activist Jamie C. Beard. How do we tap it?

FIT BIT

MARICHYASANA A

(SAGE MARICHI'S POSE A)

In Sanskrit, 'Marichi' translates to a ray of light and 'asana' means pose or posture. Obtaining its name from the sage Marichi, Marichyasana is a great bending and twisting pose in the series of Ashtanga Yoga. While Indian Mythology has a different tale to tell, where Marichi is one of the sons of Brahma (One of the lords from the Holy Trinity; Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh), who is the divine creator and was brought to life, in order to rule over the shining ones. This asana must be practised under the guidance of a yoga expert.

STEPS

- Begin to sit in Dandasana (Staff Pose) and then, bend your left knee to put the left foot on the right thigh's root.
- Flex the right knee to place the right foot on the floor.
- Draw the right shoulder forward to bring the right armpit over the right knee.
- Wrap the right forearm around the right shin and thigh followed by bending the elbow to reach the back by the right hand.
- Swing the left arm around the back and clasp the right wrist with the left hand.
- Breathe deeply, holding the pose.
- Exhale, leaning forward, and rest the head on the bent left knee.
- Extend the neck to rest the chin on the left knee. Repeat it 3-4 times with inhalation and exhalation, coming up and going down, respectively.
- Inhale, raising the head, releasing the arms and legs; then, relax.
- Repeat on the other side.

BENEFITS

- It massages the organs in the abdomen, and is great to overcome problems of flatulence, constipation, and disease related to kidney, liver, bladder, and intestines.
- Helps in reducing belly fat.
- Curbs stress and anxiety as the flow of the blood enhances in the body.
- Placement of the forehead on the shin activates the Third Eye Chakra in the body and enhances intuitive powers of the practitioners.

LIMITATIONS

- People suffering from blood pressure issues should avoid this.
- Those suffering from migraine or headache should avoid this or hold the pose for a limited duration.
- People suffering from diarrhoea and other stomach infection-related issues should avoid this during the period of infection.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

TEDDY (Tamil)

Srividya, a young woman, is put in coma by corrupt doctors. However, her spirit enters a teddy bear and seeks out a lonely man named Shiva to uncover medical crimes.

Cast: Arya, Sayyeshaa Saigal

- Watch on: Disney + Hotstar

AAVIRI (Telugu)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, a couple decides to move into an old house. However, things take a turn for the worse when their child begins to experience supernatural occurrences.

Cast: Neha Chauhan, Ravi Babu

- Watch on: Netflix

BHOOMIKA (Tamil)

Paranormal activity at a lush, abandoned property alarm a group eager to redevelop the site, but the eerie events may not be as unearthly as they think.

Cast: Aishwarya Rajesh, Avantika, Pavel Navageethan

- Watch on: Netflix

PRATHI POOVANKOZHI (Malayalam)

An ordinary saleswoman, who lives alone with her mother, refuses to suffer in silence and sets out in search of a sexual predator, with unexpected consequences.

Cast: Manju Warrier, Roshan Andrews

- Watch on: Zee5

AMMA KANAKKU (Tamil)

Shanti works as a maid in several homes to give her daughter, Abhinaya, a good life. However, when Abhinaya remains lax in her studies, Shanti decides to join her daughter's school to motivate her.

Cast: Revathi, Amala Paul

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

STREE (Hindi)

The people of Chanderi live under constant fear of Stree, the spirit of a woman who attacks men at night during festivals. Vicky, along with his friends, decides to unravel the mystery.

Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Shraddha Kapoor

- Watch on: Disney + Hotstar

CHATUR MUKHAM (Malayalam)

Thejaswini, a young woman, buys a cheap phone after she loses her old one in an accident. Soon, she is terrorised by a malevolent supernatural entity through the phone, making her seek help.

Cast: Sunny Wayne, Manju Warrier

- Watch on: Zee5

ENGLISH

THE CHAIR (English)

At a major university, the first woman of colour to become chair tries to meet the dizzying demands and high expectations of a failing English department.

Cast: Sandra Oh, Jay Duplass, Bob Balaban

- Watch on: Netflix

SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE (English)

It re-examines the original's iconic depiction of love, hatred, desire, monogamy, marriage and divorce through the lens of a contemporary American couple, played by Oscar Isaac and Jessica Chastain.

Cast: Jessica Chastain, Lily Jane

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WOMAN-(ED) OUT!

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

I am a big fan of women! Not very surprisingly considering I belong to the she/her (just being very relevant and 'litt' using all these binary terms) category myself. But as truth be told, growing up as the runt in my family brat-pack, I was surrounded by women who were strong, loyal, committed and compassionate. I could use many more adjectives to describe them but these terms seem to encapsulate most of qualities that they had.

The lady who impacted me the most was my mother, who did the unthinkable by cocking a snook at her very Pathan background and marrying the love of her life, my father (a Bengali Brahmin officer and gentleman) in 1947! They were married in London, where her family had sent her to study medicine and (luckily for her) my father was also posted. They had a ceremony with a Christian priest and a slew of very important dignitaries, who supported their union in those troubling times. My father often (jokingly) swore that the priest asked him multiple times whether he wanted to take this woman (my mother) as his 'awful' wedded wife! Now I know where I developed our sense of humour from!

The army was my parents family and my mother chose to return 'to her native' (as many of our 'natives' would fondly refer to as going home), India. Sometimes my mom's eyes would glisten with tears as she recounted how at the birth of my older siblings, my father was invariably posted to the frontlines defending our borders. She was alone in the hospital and returned to a locked home with a new born in her arms. She came from a large gregarious family and at the time she needed them the most she was by herself...no mother or the man she so dearly loved to comfort her. But she would shake off those errant tears and busy herself, taking care of her various charities, bringing up three children mostly on her own and giving us value systems, education, social skills and exposure to different aspects of the world. Without the support of an extended family, we learned how to be independent, forthright, strong and compassionate. She had many firsts to her credit. She was the first woman in Bangalore to ride a scooter, the first lady HAM operator in India, the first woman president of the blood bank and many more. She taught me to never be afraid of the truth, to stand up for myself and to be loyal, strong and 'grace under fire'.

Deepti Kat

Manjul Gupta and Swati Gupta

Everywhere I turn, my heart bursts as I see women claiming their space. Manjul Gupta is a well-known success story, but I always marvel at the way she has so seamlessly encompassed her whole family, daughter-in-law and son-in-law included, into the beauty empire that she has built, where now, her family contribute their unique skills to the business and to each other. It's always a joy to be invited into her welcoming home where she can don the mantle of a gracious hostess as easily as she can be an astute business person. She epitomises the term 'Inclusiveness and diversity'...not only as a business principle, but an important life lesson too.

The young and dynamic Deepti Kat (love her nomenclature) is technically a friend of my young-adult children. But strangely enough is my compadre too. I met her when she was a partner at the restaurant 'Lady Baga' and remember being impressed, both by her smashing looks and business acumen. Well now, she is a partner at the newest hip-spot 'Secret Stories', a massive three-storied space serving nouvelle world cuisine, including Indian! I loved the way she graciously lunched with us always keeping an eagle eye out for any lapse in operations by the staff. It's no secret that Secret Stories is already the talk of town and is going places...

Way to go, Ladies!

Yathaarth Murthy (left) removing nails from a tree as part of a conservation drive in Indiranagar recently

This 15-year-old student from the city is basking in the glory of his new title, India 20 Under 20, an initiative recognised by Niti Aayog

SMALL STEPS, BIG CHANGES

EXPRESS FEATURES

AFTER listening to the president of Kiribati on how the small island in the Pacific ocean is likely to submerge under the ocean with the surge in global warming, Yathaarth Murthy, a Class 10 student, grew concerned about the environment. This was the trigger to draw a vision to save Bengaluru from polluting water bodies. The 15-year-old has now been adjudged one among the 20 winners of the first-ever initiative in India – India 20 Under 20 – organised by White Canvas, a mentoring organisation that works closely with youngsters in India and is recognised by Niti Aayog.

"I was excited yet doubtful about my qualification for the India 20 under 20 because there were many other talented students in the competition. When I qualified, I was very happy and had a lot of emotions running through me," says Murthy, who is also an 'anthemologist' and holds a record in the Limca Book of Records for being able to sing the national anthems of 260 countries. "My music teacher taught me four national anthems on the keyboard when I was 10 years old. I learnt the rest from YouTube," adds Murthy.

The qualification for the India 20 under 20 competition followed a series of presentations before a panel of judges for upto eleven months. After six rounds, Murthy made the cut, for his work on sustainable development. In 2019, Murthy and his schoolmates revived a four-acre lake, off Bannerghatta Road. Although the lake revival project was a part of his school assignment, Murthy wanted to take the task to the next level. He managed to tag along with the 'Lakeman of India' Anand Malligavad and raised ₹8.27 lakh through crowdfunding. In 2020, this project was also presented to the United Nations officials and also to Syed Akbaruddin, who served as India's permanent representative at the United Nations, New York.

"I was moved after interacting with the president of Kiribati at a function in Vidhana Soudha in 2017. After learning how this country is going submerge soon under the ocean, I realised the climate crisis we are staring at. That is when I decided to take the plunge into climate activism," says Murthy, who has also participated in climate protests in the city.

His qualification to the contest was also measured by his 'works on giving back to the community'. During the pandemic, he organised 'Housie For a Cause', an online tambola game, and raised funds for Covid-19 relief work in Bengaluru. "I helped a group of women by distributing menstrual cups; I also raised ₹8,000 for the Ruiru Rehabilitation Centre in Kenya which houses homeless and orphaned children," says Murthy, who aspires to become a diplomat and represent India at the United Nations.

> *I was concerned after learning how the Kiribati island is going to soon submerge due to climate change. That is when I decided to become a climate activist* - Yathaarth Murthy, student

TALKING ART

Art with a heart is a friend indeed

(Jitha Karthikeyan is an artist and curator, passionate about making art accessible to the larger public)

As far back as our memories can stretch, for most of us, the New Year always brought in a few calendars, diaries and yearly planners. Though the ritual of sending a New Year card by post has succumbed to the onslaught of digital greetings and calendars have merely become decorative objects that proclaim our concern for a cause or our culture, while our smartphones announce the date every day, strangely the 'diary gifting tradition' has survived the vagaries of time.

Armed with this munition, even the most disorganised amongst us, cloaked ourselves with the illusion of having the year under our control. Monthly targets were set, goals to be achieved listed out, and events marked. Our existence suddenly had a purpose. Alas, all that changed since the nation imported the dreaded Covid-19. We watched as those carefully jotted down plans simply dissolved. Planning anything was like trying our luck at the horse races. Uncertainty was the only thing one could be certain about. Restlessness gripped most of our hearts as we watched many around us, lose their jobs. Swallowing self pride and seeking help was an option, but with the yearly planner gathering dust, what assurance could one ever give of repayment? Besides, many a time, the assumed lender has to gulp down more than self pride, to admit that everyone's on the same boat!

An oft repeated query that most artists have encountered in the course of the past year is about how we have coped with these unstable times. Turbulent it is, no doubt. Art, no matter what, will constantly be produced, but the platforms to showcase them have often been non-functional due to the pandemic. However, even before Corona hit our shores, the art community has always had an ingenious strategy to work around hard times.

Artists have this supernatural ability to somehow, sense a fellow artist's distress, even through their silences or a change in their behavioural patterns. Almost always, the matter would be dealt with immediately, with no questions asked and no embarrassment caused. Someone would make a bank transfer, another would drop by and 'forgetfully 'leave behind a wad of notes (however small) and yet another would recharge the phone or come by with a sack of rice. No fancy announcements of these generous acts would be posted on social media, no return expected, no accounts written and sometimes, no words exchanged even. Maybe the bond that binds is the path artists have taken. Like an oath taken unto ourselves, we have pledged to face the risks and the unpredictable situations that we all know will surely ensue in this pursuit. The thought that many others are with you, undertaking their own journeys nevertheless, comforts us in the darkest of times. The only way forward, the only way to stay true to our chosen path, we know, is to be there for each other. The world may pursue loans extended, but this tribe will always survive on kind hearted instincts. That perhaps, is what art truly is about.

CITY READ

Tech firm organises online fitness event

Wipro, an information technology company, organised the 16th annual Spirit of Wipro Run, an online competition, drawing participants from over 35 countries on Sunday. According to the organisers, this year's theme was based on 'Together. To greatness' which was inspired by the resilience demonstrated by employees in a year of 'unprecedented disruption'. Participants used the Strava app to track their progress and keep connected with fellow runners around the world.

Jewellery and textile exhibition to be organised

Vastrabharana, a jewellery and textile exhibition, will be organised at Chitrakala Parishat, Kumara Krupa Road, from September 30 to October 4. The artisans have been invited to interpret the places of worship as shared spaces of healing and connection. The exhibition will explore concepts of symmetry and balance, while featuring traditional and contemporary symbols and motifs.

Amazon announces Prime Video channels

Amazon recently announced the launch of Prime Video channels in India. Prime Video Channels aim to provide members a seamless experience and access to a distinctive slate of content from a diverse set of popular video streaming services. The new offer allows members the option for add-on subscriptions of OTT services.

BREAKING THE LOOP: THE FUN ENDS?

@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

Deathloop is an action-adventure game in which the same day repeats itself infinitely. Only, this game isn't your vanilla *Groundhog Day* situation. It's the party version. The morality-lacking, guns-blazing, adrenaline-infused, chaotic party version. Enthusiastic rock music plays continuously in the background as you dance through the puzzles of this weird island. You just have one job — to break the loop.

Every morning the game starts with a groaning Colt, washed against the shore of Blackreef island. He is the ex-Head of Security in this strange place. For some undocumented reason, we learn that Colt has turned against his colleagues. We understand that he can stop the weird time-loop only if he can eliminate all eight of them in a single day.

However, chaos presents itself through our nemesis - Juliana, and the daily resets. Weapons disappear, enemies respawn, items are lost. We start afresh with knowledge, and renewed hope. Juliana has the colourful Eternalists perpetually on high alert. As Colt, we must find the optimal combination of infused weapons, slabs for "special abilities" and pathway choices to cut through the regions in Blackreef. But when the process eventually gets frustrating, we can switch to the multiplayer mode. Here, we get to play for the other side as Juliana, to "Protect the Loop". This is a good way to get a sense of the map routes and enemy locations. It is also generally fun to try sabotage another players' game.

Deathloop differentiates itself from older Arkane games (I'm talking about Dishonored), by rendering guilt unnecessary. We destroy only to find things intact the next day. The story and mechanics by nature encourage trying new routes and techniques. It's a tough climb, but I soon got comfortable taking liberties with the game. Around Day-5, I find myself predicting enemy movements, sensor locations, and leaping through the lands with ease. Day-10, I throw caution to the wind and abandon the use of the crouch position. Risk is fun. Stealth is for the weak. Pistol go boom. Day-15, and I am generally more relaxed and fun in real life.

In its current version, the game is exclusionary. It only plays on the PS5 and the PC; and you need a high-end PC to run it smoothly. Keep it on your wishlist for a year or two though, for when it is available on more platforms: the wait is worth it. An infinite rating to the game, for keeping even infinitely looped days feel consistently fresh.

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CLASH OF THE TITANS

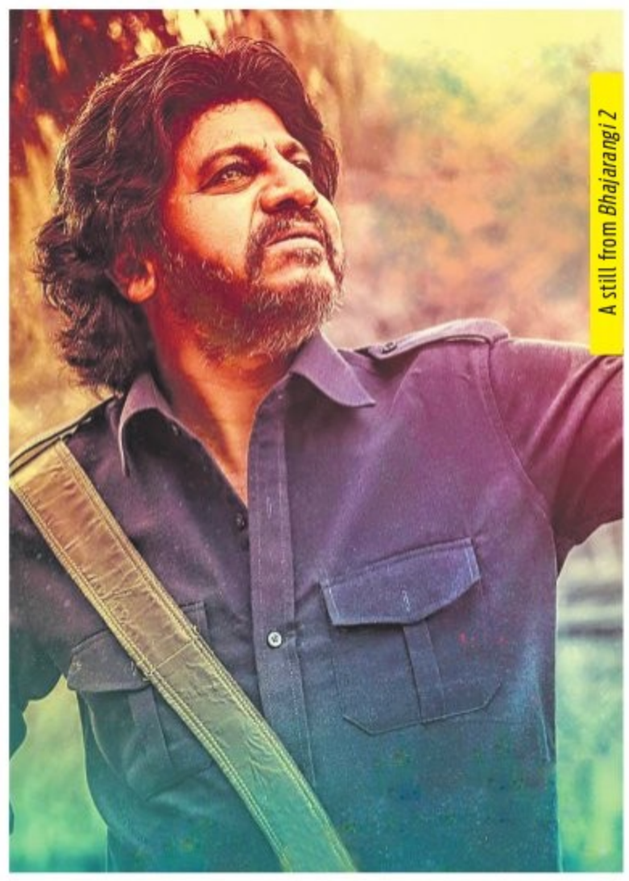
KOTIGOBBA 3 AND *SALAGA* TO CLASH ON OCTOBER 14, *BHAJARANGI 2* TO HIT THEATRES ON OCTOBER 29

A slew of Kannada films will be released this October; *Ninna Sanihake* and *Shrikrishna@gmail.com* also to be out on Oct 8 and 15 , respectively

A SHARADHAA

THIS October can be called a month of Kannada cinema celebration as a slew of films will be released on the occasion of Dasara, and the new releases will spill over to the first week of November (for the occasion of Karnataka Rajyotsava and Deepavali). The cinema industry is the most hit field due to the pandemic, but with the falling positivity rate, the government has allowed 100 percent occupancy in theatres. This has led to the release of many big-ticket films this month.

Of all the face-offs in the coming month, the biggest clash at the box office will be Sudeep's *Kotigobba 3* and Duniya Vijay directorial venture *Salaga* on October 14. Meanwhile, Shivarajkumar-starrer *Bhajarangi 2* will release on October 29. Also, Suraj Gowda's first directorial venture *Ninna Sanihake* will be released on October 8, and *ShriKrishna@gmail.com*, directed by Nagashekar, will be released on October 15. *CE* speaks to directors and producers about their upcoming films and the impact of the clashes of the big releases.


A still from *Bhajarangi 2*

I HAVE STUCK TO MY WORD: PRODUCER JAYANNA

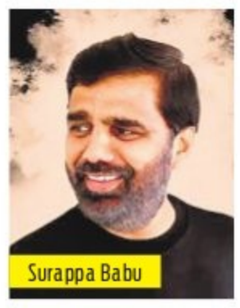
JAYANNA was the first one to officially announce the release date of Shivarajkumar's *Bhajarangi 2* as October 29. According to the producer the date was fixed after discussing with the makers of *Salaga* and *Kotigobba 3*. "Post government permitting 100 % occupancy, we all discussed the release dates. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, *Salaga* could not be released on October 1 because they needed time for promotions. So, it will now clash with Sudeep's *Kotigobba 3*. Producers decided that there should be a two-week gap between two big releases, and I am sticking with this decision. As for the clash of the two big films, it is the decision to be taken by *Kotigobba 3* and *Salaga* producers because my film is not releasing on that date," says Jayanna.

Jayanna and Bogendra

The film, directed by A Harsha under Jayanna Films, also brings back the *Tagaru* combination of Shivanna and Bhavana on screen for the second time.

I call this a celebration, says *Kotigobba 3* producer Surappa Babu

PRODUCER Surappa Babu, who confirmed the release of *Kotigobba 3* on October 14, says that he is fine releasing his films along with other big film like *Salaga*. "Initially, *Salaga* was scheduled to release on October 1, and *Kotigobba 3* on October 14, and *Bhajarangi 2* on October 29. However, the announcement from the government for allowing 100 percent theatre occupancy changed things. The team had very little time for their promotion and development. So, they had no option but to shift the release date to October 14. I could not postpone the date because producer Jaynna has taken the slot. Hence, the film is releasing on the same day," explains Surappa Babu, who adds, '' I call this a celebration! Talking from experience, I have seen two films coming on the same day and doing well. I don't want to call this a star war. We are confident that both *Kotigobba 3* and *Salaga* releases will equally be celebrated by the audience. I believe that good content is what rules the box office."


Surappa Babu

A still from *Kotigobba 3*

A still from *Salaga*

Two big-ticket films hitting the screens on the same day is not star wars, but healthy competition: K P Sreekanth

SALAGA director Duniya Vijay says, "It is not star wars but double celebration. It is a holiday time with Dasara, and we consider it as a celebration time in Sandalwood," says Duniya Vijay. "We consider this as a healthy competition. We have been waiting for two years to release it, and delaying it further makes no sense," says the producer KP Sreekanth. *Salaga*, directed and starring Duniya Vijay, also stars Sanjana Anand as the heroine. The film has Dhananjay playing a pivotal role.

K P Sreekanth

A still from *Ninna Sanihake*

Clash of star films will impact small movies: Suraj

TWO big releases on the same date will affect small films, says *Ninna Sanihake* actor-director Suraj Gowda. "My film is coming on October 8, and after a week, we have two big films releasing on the same date. It becomes hard for small films like mine to hold on to theatres. It would be great if stars' films have their own week," says Suraj. *Ninna Sanihake* will be his first directorial venture of actor Suraj Gowda, which also marks Dhanya Ramkumar's debut on the silver screen.

Nagashekar

We have delayed the release by a day, and now, *Shrikrishna@gmail.com* will be releasing on Oct 15: Director Nagashekar

THE Director and producer of *Shrikrishna@gmail.com* are confident in releasing the film on October 15. Director Nagashekar says that he has pushed the release date by one day, and instead of Oct 14, they are now coming out with *Shrikrishna@gmail.com* on Oct 15. "We didn't want to clash with big films, and so we decided to shift the release date by a day. Since the film is distributed by producer Jayanna, it helped us to fix the number of screens," says Nagashekar, adding.

Shrikrishna@gmail.com, produced by Sandesh Nagaraj, stars Krishna and Bhavana in the lead roles.

A still from the film

Akshay Kumar's *Bachchan Pandey* to hit screens on Mar 4

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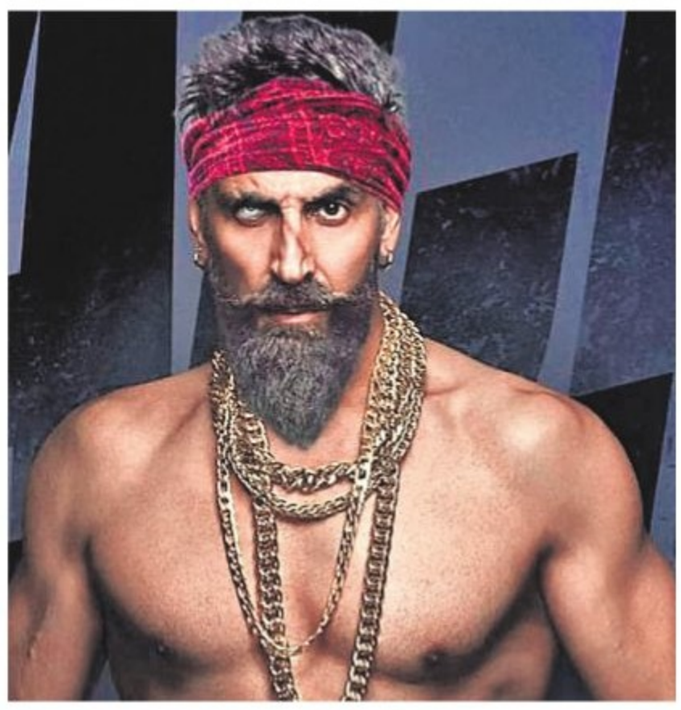
IT has been announced that Akshay Kumar's Bachchan Pandey will hit the big screens on March 4, 2022. Bachchan Pandey is directed by Farhad Samji. The film reportedly has Akshay Kumar playing a gangster who aspires to be an actor, while Kriti Sanon plays a journalist who wishes to be a director. The film also features Arshad Warsi, Jacqueline Fernandez, Pankaj Tripathi, and Prateik Babbar in prominent roles.

Meanwhile, release dates of several projects are being announced following the Maharashtra government's decision to reopen theatres from October 22.Sooryavnashi, Jersey, Bhool Bhulaiyya 2, Mayday, Heropanti 2, '83, Prithviraj, Jayesh Bhai Jordaar, and Shamshera are some of the films whose release dates have been announced.



Shahid Kapoor's *Jersey* release date out

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WITH theatres set to reopen in Maharashtra from October 22, release dates of many big films are being announced. Shahid Kapoor's Jersey will be hitting screens on December 31, 2021.

The Hindi remake of the Telugu film of the same name is directed by Gowtam Tinnanuri, who also helmed the original. Its story is about a talented but failed cricketer named Arjun, who decides to make a comeback in his late 30s and play for India, in order to fulfill his son's wish. Nani played the lead role in the original. Shraddha Srinath was paired opposite him and Sathyaraj also essayed an important role. The film was a big success that went on to win a couple of National awards also. In the Hindi remake, Mrunal Thakur plays the female lead. It is produced by Dil Raju, Allu Aravind, and Aman Gill under Sri Venkateswara Creations and Geetha Arts.

CLOONEY-PITT MOVIE PACKAGE SPARKS BIDDING WAR

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A-list actors George Clooney and Brad Pitt are all set to team up again for a thriller film that is set to be written and directed by Spider-Man: Homecoming director Jon Watts. The project has started a bidding war amongst studios such as Sony, Lionsgate, Apple, Netflix, Amazon, Annapurna, Universal, MGM, and Warner Bros.

Though plot details are scarce, the film will reportedly tell the tale of two lone-world fixers assigned to the same job.